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WHAT A HECTIC YEAR!

BY DAVID JACK

THE busiest year in the history of Australian Soccer! That's what faces the code in 1984, according to national team manager Andrew Lederer.

"We have a huge programme ahead of us and there is no way we will be able to handle it without maximum co-operation from everyone," said Lederer.

"New national coach Frank Arok is going to need plenty of help. We are seeking this help from all sides — from State Federations, team coaches, club presidents and the media.

"In other words, Australia must have a united effort.

"I do not think this is too much to ask. Everyone involved in the sport has one major aim . . . to see Soccer succeeding. It can only be done if everyone pulls his weight."

Lederer believes the May/June international tournament here will be particularly exhausting.

As he pointed out: "Play-

ers in the A and B Australian teams face eight or nine games in a month. That's

two matches a week. It would be tough for full-time professionals, even tougher for part-time players."

Lederer and his colleagues at the Australian Soccer Federation have been criticised for using the Australian national team against club sides who will tour here in May/June.

Quite recently, the ASF's World Cup committee made a firm decision NOT to let Australia tangle with club teams. The decision was inspired by the feeling that the prestige of the Socceros would suffer if beaten by a club team.

"Prestige be damned," said Lederer. "I'm not interested in that sort of talk. Top club teams from Europe will give us excellent match practice. We'll go flat out to win at all times — no matter what teams we meet."

The hard work starts on April 9 when coach Arok names 36 to 40 players to be

split into two national squads.

That is a lot of players. Some critics would argue that there are not enough international-class players here to select one squad — let alone two.

Obviously Arok's resources are going to be spread thinly. He is sufficiently realistic to know several of the 40 players he selects will fall short of the standard needed.

But, as Andrew Lederer insists: "We will search high and low for Australia's top 40 players. This cannot be done unless everyone pitches in to help Frank Arok."



ANDREW LEDERER

ASTRO FOR ARROWS

BY ANDREW
PASCHALIDIS

CANBERRA
ARROWS could create National Soccer League history if plans to play their last two home games on the National Sports Centre's astro-turf surface are given the green light.

The outdoor ground, developed at a cost of \$1.25 million, can accommodate up to 8,500 spectators and will be used for Soccer and hockey.

NSL manager Stefan Kamasz is hopeful that the Arrows will play on the astro turf.

"I'd like to see both their games played on the astro-turf but it will have to be authorised by the management committee. This would be a first for the NSL," he said.

Kamasz can also see benefits for the Australian Institute of Sport team under coach Jimmy Shoulder.

"I can't see any problems for Jimmy Shoulder if he would like to utilise the facilities for youth league matches," Kamasz said.

English first division club, Queens Park Rangers, have been playing their home games on astro-turf for the past couple of seasons.

The only real problem they have encountered has been with opposing teams — they find it difficult to adjust to the surface.

Canberra Arrows publicity and promotions manager, Johnny Warren, told ASW, that it would be a good move to play on the astro surface.



CASH CRISIS FOR OLYMPIC

Sydney Olympic face huge debts with the new NSL season only three weeks old. Turn to page 5 for the full story of this and Olympic's problems with Peter Katholos (pictured).

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EDITORIAL

THE United States is the only country in the world where Soccer encounters more hostility than it does in Australia.

That was the gist of an observation made recently by the Australian Soccer Federation's marketing man.

It obviously indicates that he is having difficulty selling the game to the public. Crowd figure emphasise this anyway.

So what should be done to woo the public? If business people are having difficulty selling a product, they improve their product.

It is the logical way to overcome public hostility.

Take the case of the Japanese car. When it first appeared on the Australian market, there was no great rush by people here to own a Toyota, Datsun or Mazda. Memories of the war caused many potential buyers to reject Japanese vehicles.

Being a methodical race, the Japanese determined to do something about the sales resistance. They built better cars. Their vehicles, in fact, were so good that the Australian market buoyantly responded... costing established manufacturers (Ford, Holden, Chrysler) to lose millions of sales.

Is there any way Soccer can learn from this? Is it possible to improve the product to tempt more spectators to matches?

With a 24-team National League, the talent is inevitably dispersed among too many clubs. All teams would like to recruit more star players but there are not enough stars to go around. On the whole, though, the standard is not too bad. It is of a fairly acceptable level and we do not watch too many really poor matches.

If the standard of the product cannot be improved appreciably, the packaging leaves much to be desired.

ASW believes the National League will have to go more deeply into promoting the sport.

The public has to be fed interesting stories about clubs and players. Soccer is full of good stories, yet how often are these stories kept a secret from the public?

As one Soccer writer commented recently: "Clubs should get off their backsides and use the media to spread the gospel. Hardly a club in the NSL takes the trouble to pick up a phone and give news to the papers, radio or TV. It's all one-way traffic. The media has to initiate the publicity — yet some clubs constantly complain that they are not getting a fair go."

The NSL and its clubs individually should do far more advertising.

Certainly it can be expensive. But how can you sell Soccer to the public if people are not told about the sport?

No branch of the entertainment business will attract an audience without publicity.

The Pirates of Penzance is playing to big crowds in Australia. It is solidly advertised on radio and television, titillating the appetites of theatregoers. Without this advertising, the public might not even know the show was on.

Producers of that operetta are not spending thousands of dollars on advertising because they are benevolent. They spend because they MUST if they want an audience.

Promote, publicise, advertise. That is the message from Gilbert and Sullivan to Papasavas and Labbozzetta!

BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW

BY TOM McKAIN

THE same untrained doctors prescribing the same medicine is how SA director of coaching Mike Wells describes the latest coaching switch by the Australian Soccer Federation.

But he points out he is not anti-Arok.

"If Frank Arok needs my help as Australian coach he will get it one hundred per cent, because if something goes wrong he will suffer the same fate as coaches before him," said Wells.

"I don't doubt that once again, when we fail, the sacrificial coaches will be slaughtered and the slaughterers will go unpunished."

According to Wells, the axed Les Scheinflug became too well respected outside and inside the Soccer fraternity.

"While he could possibly be nailed for the results against New Zealand, it was his popularity as much as anything which made many executives and administrators uneasy," said Wells.

"And it is also interesting to note that the voting to depose him was a split decision and reported to be very close."

"It is sad that some people are already writing off two World Youth Cup finals which brought the Confederation of Australian Sport award two years in a row, and two Merlion Cup victories as if they were nothing."

"Coaches like Bearzot, Robson, Stein and Parreira have all gone through the horrors over the past year or so, but do we see Italy, England, Scotland and Brazil going berserk in the middle of a World Cup campaign?"

"Certainly not. Why? Because they are realistic, knowledgeable and understanding."

Wells was overseas twice last year on coaching courses to Brazil and lecturing in Africa, and said that the trips highlighted the petty behaviour of Australia as a Soccer nation.

"Even in the uncertain continent of Africa there is far more stability when it comes to the planning and preparation of national teams," he said.

"Since the 1974 World Cup we have bungled from one campaign to another."

"When will it stop?" Wells also denied Sydney reports that he had applied for the job as the NSW director of coaching.

"It is true I have been spoken to several times over the past 12 months about putting in for the job when it was advertised, but

I did not apply," he insisted.

"Sydney still regards itself as the Soccer centre but some of the initiatives we have taken in SA, like our licensing of coaching scheme, the SA Sports Institute and now our Youth

Soccer Academy, make our State the best to work in as a director of coaching," he said.

"And after the way Scheinflug has been treated I feel much safer 900 miles or so away from the politics of the game," he added.

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NORTH
CANBERRA 1 (Bryant) BRUNSWICK JUVE 2 (Sweeney 2) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 800.
SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Meades) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Soper 3) at King Tomislav Park. Crowd: 7,255.
BLACKTOWN 0 PARRA MELITA 0 at Gabble Stadium. Crowd: 1,623.
ST GEORGE 2 (Marion 2) MARCONI 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2,054.
NEWCASTLE 1 (Brandt) LEICHHARDT 1 (Bradley) at International Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,043.
SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina) PENRITH 1 (Wotherspoon) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 600.

SOUTH
BRISBANE CITY 1 (Fabrizio) WOLLONGONG 1 (Bundalo) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,200.
SUNSHINE GC 0 ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Mullen) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Egan, Yzendoorn) FOOTSCRAY 2 (Lujic, Carroll) at Middle Park. Crowd: 3,500.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Stojevic, Cumming) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Daunt, McDonagh) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2,500.
PRESTON 1 (Opasina) HEIDELBERG 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4,500.
WEST ADELAIDE 3 (Papadopoulos, Stamatelopoulos, Panagis) GREEN GULLY 1 (Cannell) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,300.

TEAM	AGGREGATE	HOME	AWAY
	P W D L F A Pts	W D L F A Pts	W D L F A Pts
NEWCASTLE	3 2 1 0 4 15	1 1 0 2 1 3	1 0 0 2 0 2
SYD CITY	3 1 2 0 5 3 4	0 1 0 1 1 1	1 1 0 4 2 3
CROATIA	3 1 1 1 6 7 3	0 0 1 1 3 0	1 1 0 5 4 3
BLACKTOWN	3 1 2 0 3 2 4	0 2 0 1 1 2	1 0 0 2 1 2
ST GEORGE	3 2 1 0 4 15	2 1 0 4 1 5	0 0 0 0 0 0
CANBERRA	3 1 0 2 6 4 2	1 0 1 5 2 2	0 0 1 1 2 0
PARRAMATTA	3 1 1 1 3 3 3	0 0 1 1 2 0	1 1 0 2 1 3
LEICHHARDT	3 1 1 1 3 3 3	1 0 1 2 2 3	0 1 0 1 1 1
OLYMPIC	3 1 2 0 4 2 4	0 0 0 0 0 0	1 2 0 4 2 4
PENRITH	3 0 2 1 4 6 2	0 1 1 3 5 5	0 1 0 1 1 1
W'GONG	3 0 1 2 2 8 1	0 0 1 1 3 0	0 1 1 1 5 1
MARCONI	3 0 0 3 1 5 0	0 0 1 1 2 0	0 0 2 0 3 0
STH MELB	3 2 1 0 6 2 5	1 1 0 4 2 3	1 0 0 2 0 2
BRUNSWICK	3 2 1 0 5 3 5	1 1 0 3 2 3	1 0 0 2 1 2
BRIS. LIONS	3 1 2 0 4 3 4	0 1 0 1 1 1	1 1 0 3 2 3
MELB. CROATIA	3 1 1 1 6 6 3	0 1 0 2 2 1	1 0 1 4 4 2
BRIS. CITY	3 1 1 1 4 4 3	0 1 1 1 2 1	1 0 0 3 2 2
AD. CITY	3 2 0 1 4 3 4	0 0 1 2 3 0	2 0 0 2 0 4
SUNSHINE	3 0 2 1 1 2 2	0 1 1 0 1 1	0 1 0 1 1 1
FOOTSCRAY	3 0 2 1 5 6 2	0 0 1 2 3 0	0 2 0 3 3 2
WEST AD.	3 1 1 1 4 3 3	1 0 1 3 2 2	0 1 0 1 1 1
PRESTON	3 1 1 1 2 2 3	1 1 0 2 1 3	0 0 1 0 1 0
HEIDELBERG	3 0 1 2 1 4 1	0 1 0 1 1 1	0 0 2 0 3 0
GREEN GULLY	3 0 1 2 1 5 1	0 0 1 0 2 0	0 1 1 1 3 1



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MARCONI SHOOT FOR BALI!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CSR GYPROCK, Marconi's major sponsor for the second year running, announced at Club Marconi details of an incentive scheme, structured by Gyprock, to encourage success.

The scheme, "Challenge For Champions," was given that name because the sponsor regards the Marconi players as potential champions. It is for the "Best and Fairest" player, an award Marconi's captain, Tony Henderson, won last year.

This is how the award scheme is structured:

Weekly points will be awarded on a 3:2:1 basis by manager-coach, Les Scheinflug. Special bonus points will from time to time also be in force for special matches.

The eventual winner, as well as getting his name inscribed on the "Gyprock Cup," will receive a trip for two to that wonderful holiday island, Bali.

As well as staying a week at Bali's luxurious new Hotel Nusa Dua Beach, \$250 each will be credited to the player and his partner's hotel account, to cover dinners and drinks. A magnificent prize.

At the function, Scheinflug stated: "At this stage, I promise nothing. After four defeats, I still have complete confidence in all players in the NSL squad."

"But I do promise that we will make our sponsors, the CSR-Gyprock company, proud they chose to sponsor Marconi."

"We will put the effort

in, and have the ability to be the best team in the country. I'm proud to be part of the Marconi club, and proud that Gyprock will again be our sponsors."

A video and slide exhibition was presented to the guests, highlighting Bali where the winner of this year's "Challenge For Champions" will stay.

Richard Smith, general manager operations of the Gypsum Products Group, addressed the guests. "We as a company, are totally confident in Club Marconi. We will give Marconi 100 per cent support in the 1984 season."

"Staff of CSR Gyprock throughout Australia have been told where Marconi will be playing and they will attend matches to give vocal support."

Richard Smith continued: "Last year's CSR-Gyprock Cup served its purpose but it concentrated on the individual. So this year, we developed another scheme to encourage team-work... because we know that is what puts points on the board."

The new scheme, a team-bonus, will work as follows:

In every match Marconi win, \$200 will be credited to a special account for ultimate team reward. For a draw, \$100 will be depo-

sited. As the season progresses, the deposited amounts will accumulate commensurate with the team's success. Total accumulated funds, will be distributed to the players at the end of the season.

Should Marconi reach 35 points or more, the funds, with a subsidy from Club Marconi, will go towards financing a trip for the complete team to tour Indonesia early in 1985.

Marconi will on this proposed tour, play warm-

up matches against Bali and Djakarta as preparation to the 1985 NSL season.

Captain Tony Henderson responded to CSR's wonderful incentive schemes by saying: "We as players are grateful for the incentives and we will take up the challenge. I will be putting in that extra special effort, not so much for the trips, but because of pride within the team."

"As captain, I would like to thank CSR-Gyprock. We will do our best to justify their decision."

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TONY HENDERSON

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I'm talking about those specially-gifted players who create that special excitement in the fans whenever they touch the ball.

It would seem in our domestic game here in Australia they are few and far between.

The player who has that magical ability to create something from nothing.

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The player who is cheeky and confident and who has the uncanny ability to make that impossible 40 yard pass look all so easy.

Alas, it seems they are a dying breed, not only here but all over the Soccer world.

Only in countries like Italy and Spain, where the cream of the world's talent is eventually lured, do we see healthy crowds, crowds ea-

ger to see that special touch of magic and flair from the best in the world.

Unfortunately in Australia we don't have the best individuals in the world. But some players here do

have their moments and regularly produce their own brand of Soccer magic.

Take Kenny Boden of my club Sydney City.

Last week in our away match against Wollongong



KENNY BODEN



BY JOE WATSON

City, Kenny produced his own piece of magic and created a goal for John Kosmina out of nothing.

He was completely cornered by two defenders on the by-line, but with some deft footwork he left them both stranded and crossed the perfect ball for John to head home a brilliant goal.

Great stuff applauded even by Wollongong's home fans.

Unfortunately it seems if just wasn't good enough to write about; in all the match reports on the game I read, not one mentioned probably the most exciting moment of the game.

We certainly don't have any Maradona or Zicos in Australia, but when they produce something special on the field everyone knows about it.



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With such a shortage of magic and flair in our game we cannot afford to let any outstanding individual performances go by without a mention, or individualism will surely slip into total oblivion.

So come on all you Soccer journos, if you see something during a game that excites you, let's hear about it.

ROY IS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS

WHILE Australian Soccer gets plenty of mud thrown at it, people tend to forget that there are hundreds of decent, honest, hard-working characters who keep the game alive and well in this country.

I was thinking along these lines recently when I had a chat with Roy Pearce.

The young folk have probably never even heard of Roy Pearce so let me fill them in.

Roy, born at Kurri Kurri 61 years ago, was one of the finest referees Soccer in Australia has ever seen.

What's more, he is still actively engaged in the sport, passing on his vast experience in refereeing to anyone willing to listen and learn.

These days, Roy is an inspector of National League referees and also assistant-coach of New South Wales referees.

He could easily sit back and rest on his laurels, knowing he has done a fine job for the code. Instead, he remains determined to put a lot back into Soccer because he considers he has had a lot out of it.



ROY PEARCE

During the war, Roy was in the army. He represented Brisbane YMCA first grade in 1944 and 1945 while in Queensland and, after the war, played for Pyrmont-Balmain and the British Imperial club in Sydney.

A bad ankle injury ended his playing career, so Roy switched to refereeing in 1952. (That was six years before I blew my first whistle!)

He became a first grade ref seven years after — in 1959 — and was one of Australia's top men in the field until he decided to retire in 1973 at the age of 50.

During his career, Roy handled three grand finals and many interstate and international matches. As I said, there was no better whistler in Australia.

Roy moved to Taree in 1974 and, naturally enough, joined the local referees' federation there, becoming its president.

Now, Pearce is back in Sydney and is a distinguished Life Member of the NSW Referees' Federation.

Despite having to battle for some time against serious illness, he continues to give all his spare time and knowledge to the game of Soccer.

I am sure this little tribute to Roy will revive memories of a top referee in the minds of many former great players and officials.

Well done, Roy Pearce. I wish there were a few more like you involved in Soccer.

You have always been a fine advertisement for the sport we all love so much.

TOO MUCH?

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED officials are justly concerned at the meagre crowd who turned up for the opening home clash against Preston. It is doubtful whether the 2,000 mark was reached.

Maybe the success of the floodlit challenge match against Marconi had a reverse effect — in other words people may not want to, or cannot afford to go to two games in less than a week.

The night game against Marconi was a bright affair complete with expert dancing girls, and a spectacular fireworks display finished off the excellent night's entertainment.

LES' SACKING NOT POPULAR

THE removal of Les Scheinflug from the national senior team coaching position generally has been met with disapproval within the ranks of the players and coaches.

While the Soccer public appear to sympathise with Scheinflug, they are more concerned with national

team results and don't really care whether Frank Arok or Les Scheinflug achieve them for Australia.

However, within the playing and coaching ranks the question is being asked: "What does a man have to do?"

It is possible that Arok is our best coach. Certainly he is an outstanding talent.

Yet coaches are usually judged on results and using this criteria there is no justification for removing Scheinflug.

It may even be unique in world Soccer for a man to have achieved such good performances with a junior and senior national team, yet lose both positions within weeks of one another.

Les Scheinflug will need

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to muster all of his resources to prevent a reaction of bitterness.

I hope he is able to do this and emerge a better man from his unfortunate experience.

Some people have a presence about them which tends to make people overestimate them.

Some tend to be underestimated.

Scheinflug comes into the latter category.

I particularly admire his



LES SCHEINFLUG (left) pictured in 1981 as assistant national coach to Rudi Gutendorf

ability to pick out good players and to select good teams.

As for Arok, I have always admired his all-round talents.

Indeed as a manager-coach, as opposed to a coach, he would be able to hold down the number one spot with any club in world Soccer.

That he has not done so would be purely because of his lack of playing experience in professional Soccer.

Nevertheless, now 30 years down the track as a coach he has overcome that disadvantage.

Certainly Australia will not lack anything when it comes to shrewdness, competitiveness and tactical knowhow so long as Arok is in charge.

The hierarchy of our Soccer has not been too successful when selecting coaches in the past.

It is ironic that the two who did achieve success have both been dropped.

With Rale Rasic the reasons were politic.

Whereas Les Scheinflug appears to have been compared with the charisma of Frank Arok and found wanting.

It is a hard blow for Scheinflug to have to accept and just as heavy a burden for Arok to carry.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

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Masters Crown Tournament 1984 ROYAL HAWAIIAN WORLD SOCCER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS IN HAWAII

YOU board your Pan Am aircraft, and almost 10 hours later, land at Honolulu airport. You are greeted by lovely Hawaiian girls with a lei around your neck, accompanied by a kiss on both cheeks.

Tour vans take you to your hotel at beautiful Waikiki, where everything is laid on for you. An extensive itinerary with vouchers are handed to you, with full details of the coming week's events.

Soccer teams fly in from Canada, Seattle, California, Missouri, China, Alaska, Colorado and San Jose.

Players have all flown into Hawaii to play Soccer and have a luxurious holiday.

and Sharon's assignment is to see that all their clients experience the "Spirit of Aloha".

Matches are played every morning and afternoon. The first matches are played at top pace, visiting teams choosing to ignore the draining effects of the sun, on their energy reserves.

By Day Two, most players have lost four or five yards in pace. Day Four has sorted out the men from the boys.

Pearl Harbour, the place of infamy which provoked America into World War II. The wreckage of the Arizona still lies there for the world to see. On board, 1,100 men lost their lives on Sunday morning in the minutes it took the battleship to sink.

You are taken on Day Four, in the evening, to a magnificent Hawaiian Luau, a feast of barbecued pork, tropical salads, endless supply of drinks as you

will long live in the memories of all the players. The slides are screened to the sound track of "Chariots Of Fire".

The time now is nearly midnight as players file out back to their hotels, to pack and get ready for their flights out of unforgettable Hawaii.

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SOCCER HAWAIIAN STYLE

Twenty-eight teams in all are there for his Soccer Spectacular. Twelve teams will contest the 1984 Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Masters' Crown, eight teams will contest the Men's Open Tournament and another eight the Women's Open.

The tournaments begin. The venue for all the matches is a huge stretch of open parkland wedged in between the base of Diamond Head and the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. This is Kaipolani Park.

The tournament organisers, Royal Hawaiian World Sports, are the most professional, efficient, warm and extremely diligent promoters you could ever wish for. Led by tournament directors Dennis Minga, Susan, Patty, Jane, Peter Aloha Stadium

Sore backs, stiff necks, aching ankles become the rule rather than the exception. Time is allocated for swims, tours, shopping and general sight-seeing.

You lay by the swimming pool resting your aching body, making sure you have lathered with special Hawaiian sun-lotion to give you a special rich golden colour that can only be achieved in Hawaii.

You relax like a king in this paradise on earth. You slowly sip your chilled Chi Chi drink, a magnificent Hawaiian cocktail with a base of coconut and pineapple juices, as the warmth of the sun soaks into your body.

The organisers take you on a full tour of Oahu, chief island of the Hawaiian group of islands. You visit

are entertained on the shores of a secluded area by native Hawaiian dancers.

The tournament final is played for the Masters' Crown at the huge megastuctured Aloha Stadium, which can swallow up 38,000 spectators to watch baseball, gridiron or Soccer on the astro-turf pitch.

Next Saturday, March 24, the whole Soccer Spectacular comes to an end with the lavish, gala evening of the Royal Hawaiian awards banquet held at an international five-star hotel.

The evening winds up with a spectacular, unbelievable, emotional screening of some 600 coloured slides, that have captured all the scenes, events and incidents during the whole week on the playing fields. A moving experience that

flight with your souvenirs, suntan, bruises and unforgettable memories, with only on thing left to say as you look back . . . ALOHA!

CASH CRISIS AT OLYMPIC

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

THINGS are not quite as rosy for Sydney Olympic as many supporters want to believe.

The club is in a desperate financial position.

According to information given to me by a committee member, Sydney Olympic currently owe \$527,000 to the bank.

On top of this, there also exists a sum of \$100,000 which the club owes to individuals and private companies.

The bank has decided to stop giving more money, and in the meantime, after talks with the committee, the debt has been frozen.

Two weeks ago, the four new committee members, Messrs Kapas, Passalis, Harris and Theoharis, signed as guarantors for the debt to the bank with the rest of the committee members.

This means that if something drastic happens to Sydney Olympic, these people must pay the penalty.

Sydney Olympic supporters, who obviously are worried about their team's dire financial straits, believe the club is near suicide.

The second bombshell which has exploded in Sydney Olympic's backyard during the last three weeks is the case of Peter Katholos.

The crowd idol has fallen from favour. His future is in doubt.

"For three years I never missed a training session or a game. I did everything they told me to do; I never

said 'no'. And now they want to put me in deep freeze," complained Katholos.

"During the summer months, while other players were enjoying the beach, I was the only one in Australia who trained every morning and every evening.



□ TOMMY DOCHERTY

"What I wanted most this year was to earn selection to the national team.

The question now is: Why did the coach and committee renew his contract with a heavy sign-on fee and \$500 for a win?

This reminds me of last year's drama between coach Tommy Docherty and Mark Koussas. Docherty wanted to get rid of Koussas but finally gave himself the red card.

Perhaps a compromise has been found.

On Sunday, Katholos was selected against Sydney Croatia — and laid on one of Marshall Soper's goals.

ANOTHER TASSIE MOVING

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Ku-ring-gai coach Harry Noon wants to bring another Tasmanian into the Brisbane Lions National League squad.

Following Noon's successful signing of big defender John Charlton, the son of ex-England international Jack, Lions now want to trial Caledonians striker Ian Parker.

Parker was joint top scorer in the Tasmanian State League last season with 18 goals. He was also runner-up in the State's Rothman's Medal.

Parker was recommended to Lions by Charlton, who played with last season's premiers Juventus-Pioneer. Andrew Lessczynski, who trialled with Lions early this season but returned to Tasmania for study reasons, also spoke highly of Parker.

If Parker is signed, Noon warns it still won't be his last signing for the year.

"To be a strong side in the NSL we must have plenty of depth. I am not going to outlay huge sums at the moment for players that are no better than the ones we have at Richlands, but I expect within a few months there will be one or two discontented players who could be snapped up quite cheaply," Noon said.

Noon already has begun to "weed out" some players at Richlands.

He has put midfielder Robbie Vincent and goalkeeper Brett Beves on the transfer list.

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ROUND UP

HONEST JOB BY PENRITH

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE Penrith Panthers came down from the mountains and in no mean fashion let the Sydney City Slickers know they meant business.

From the opening whistle, the Mountain Men rolled their sleeves up and got down to an honest job of work.

In the second minute, they showed they are no novices when Ian Wotherspoon scored one of the best goals seen at the Athletic

Field for many years, when he rocketed a header into the Slickers net from 15 metres.

Penrith well marshalled and organised by their coach Willie Wallace gave the Slickers no room and through hard work and endeavour gave as good as they

got.

It was surprising that the Slickers had no answer to Penrith's tight marking and at no time did Slickers dominate in midfield.

Slickers' equaliser was a tragedy for Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson, a soft goal.

Gibson failed to hold a shot from Ken Boden in the 33rd minute and John Kosmina was on hand to scoop up the loose ball and dispatch it into the net.

This was the first time Penrith had come to Sydney town and it was a visit that did them proud!

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Cant, O'Connor, Robertson, Lynch, Gomez, Watson, Kay, Murray, Kosmina, Boden (Fletcher 64).

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Daley, McIntoch, Cross, Fitzharris, Lindsay, Wotherspoon, Hunter, Cotton, Jackson (Hale 67)

REFEREE: Doug Rennie. CROWD: 600.



'I want to see the same balance and understanding as Torvill and Dean.'



Sydney City's Gerry Gomez (right) is a fearsome foe but Penrith's Ian Wotherspoon wasn't worried as he tangled with Gomez at Sydney Athletic Field.



Willie Wallace

NEWCASTLE STILL HOT

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED looked the most unlikely of National League champions at the start of the season but, with three matches under their belt, they are still undefeated and making a serious challenge.

Admittedly, KB could only draw 1-1 at home with Leichhardt Apia at the weekend but the point was welcomed ... by both teams.

Leichhardt were on top during the second half and might have stolen a winning goal after 80 minutes when Tony Morsello brought a great save out of Newcastle's Kiwi goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

The first half was a rough and tough affair. Both coaches, Ken Kaiser of Newcastle and Fil Bottalico of Leichhardt, complained about the opposition being too rough.

Referee Richard Lorenc had a busy afternoon trying to keep the peace but he handed out yellow cards to Peter Tredinnick, Jim Bottalico and John McQuarrie.

Simon Brandt, picking up the habit of scoring in every match, put KB in front in the 27th minute but

little John Bradley gained a point for Leichhardt when he headed in Ian Gray's cross eight minutes into the second half.

It was not a good performance by Newcastle whose fans were most impressed by "the man who got away," Kerry Caban, the former Lake Macquarie forward, who slipped away to Leichhardt when he would surely have been a capture for the local Newcastle KB.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Kerby, Cowburn, Burke, Mason, Boogaard, Senkalski, McClelland, Brandt, McQuarrie (Morgan 80).

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Bottalico, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen, Butler, Bradley (De Ceglie 70), Gray, Caban, Tredinnick, Morsello.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. CROWD: 2,043.

LEADING SCORERS

TOP English scorers:

DIVISION ONE

34 — Ian Rush (Liverpool)
23 — Steve Archibald (Tottenham)
20 — Trevor Christie (Notts County)

DIVISION TWO

24 — Kerry Dixon (Chelsea)
23 — Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)
21 — Mark Hateley (Portsmouth)

DIVISION THREE

32 — Keith Edwards (Sheffield United)
30 — Alan Cork (Wimbledon)
26 — John Aldridge (Newport)

DIVISION FOUR

35 — Trevor Senior (Reading)
28 — Tony Adcock (Colchester)

PARRAMATTA MELITA striker Billy Griffiths looks like being ruled of his team's big match next week against his ex-club St George after being injured in Melita's 0-0 draw with Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Griffiths was taken off at half-time with an ankle injury. Earlier, Melita lost their other central striker Wayne Farnsworth, who took a heavy knock on his leg.

John McKie ably filled Farnsworth's spot, and for the second half Don Allan reverted to his customary striking role. This year Allan has been used to effect in midfield.

The Eagles were the better team, and dominated the match for all but a period at the start of the second half.

However, despite their exciting attacks, many stemming from defenders Kenny Wilson and Howard Tredinnick and midfielder

John Davies, they produced few shots at goal.

Their best chance came with eight minutes remaining, when they were awarded a free-kick just outside the penalty area, but Wilson's hard shot was saved well by Barry Hoare, who pushed the ball onto the post.

Blacktown City lacked cohesion, and several passes and threatening build-ups went wrong.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Wheatley, Shaw, Dunleavy, Pointer; Bourke (Thornthwaite 53), Bryne, Selva; Sandy (McLaughlin 74), Larkin, O'Connor. **PARRA MELITA:**

EAGLES LOSE GRIFFITHS IN DEMONS DRAW

BY BRAD EARL



BILLY GRIFFITHS

McPherson; McAusland, Tredinnick, Wilson, McGinn, Farrugia, Allan, Davies, Farnsworth (McKie 8), Griffiths (McDonald 45), Johnston. **REFEREE:** T. Seacy. **CROWD:** 1,623.

MISTAKE GIVES WOLVES POINT

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY threw away a 1-0 victory when they helped Wollongong to score an equaliser at Spencer Park.

City looked set to score their first home win in nine games when Luciano Fabrizio put the Brisbane team ahead in the 72nd minute.

But disaster struck six minutes from time. Bobby Hamilton played a ball back into the penalty box, which midfielder Frank Pimblett saved from going for a corner.

Then, despite a call from keeper Kim Wishart, Pimblett attempted to clear the ball, but saw it skew direct-

ly to Wollongong striker Alex Bundalo, who powered an unstoppable volley into the net.

Despite a number of last-ditch attempts, Brisbane City couldn't win the two points they deserved.

Wollongong were lucky to return south with a point as they gave a dour, unim-

aginative performance.

Brisbane City at times were not much better, but made some headway through the tireless Gary Bromfield and exciting youngster Lee Scriggins.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio, Liddell, Hughes, Wilkinson, Swan (Perry 60), Pimblett.

Hamilton, Scriggins (Mengotti 80), Mountford, Bromfield.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green (Kululovski 84), Vlietstra, Hristovski, Kerr (Kotamanidis 73), Gaffney, Willis, Bundalo, Condron, Beggs, Fontana.

REFEREE: D. Nugent. **CROWD:** 1,200

SOPER THE HERO FOR OLYMPIANS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC moved into fourth place in the NSL (North) with a comprehensive 3-1 victory over NSL newcomers Sydney Croatia at King Tomislav Park.

In front of the largest crowd of both sections of the NSL (7,255), Olympic produced their best effort of the season.

The hero in this fine Olympic performance was livewire striker Marshall Soper. He created havoc everytime he moved forward and was rewarded with a well-taken hat-trick.

Soper put Olympic ahead in the ninth minute when he scored from close range following some good build-up work from midfielder Peter Raskopoulos and defender Graham Jennings.

Soper inflicted the second blow to Croatia in the 57th minute. This time the build-up had started with Peter Katholos, included in

the line-up at the expense of Terry Petalis, and Jim Patikas.

Soper, who is the first player to score a hat-trick in the NSL this year, completed the rout in the 69th minute. Katholos put the ball through for him on the left, he outpaced the defence and his low shot was parried by Watson but the

ball rolled into goal.

With minutes remaining Croatia scored their consolation goal. A cross from the left flank found midfielder Steve Meades in the penalty area and he let go with an unbeatable drive.



Steve Meades

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Dakos (Lambropoulos 78), Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Patikas, Soper, Katholos, Koussas.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, Rezo, Sterrey, Vidaic, Clinch, Saviour, Arnold, Meades, Kirwan.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.
CROWD: 7,255.



MARSHALL SOPER (right)

STEVE'S DREAM DEBUT

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE, with 10 men for the last 21 minutes, survived a Green Gully revival to win 3-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

With the score 3-0, Stuart Cannell converted from the penalty spot for the Victorians in the 76th minute.

Earlier Gully had looked good, but a goal just on half-time by Steve Papadopoulos, making his NSL debut, shattered the visitors.

That gave West the spark they needed, and with 19-year old Papadopoulos,

signed from State League side Polonia as a striker, running riot in left mid-field, the home team took over.

Papadopoulos cut inside the box and laid on a goal for 19-year old Theo Stamatoopoulos in the 48th minute, which was followed four minutes later by one from John Panagis (18).

Then Brenton Hiern was sent off for a tackle after receiving a yellow card earlier, and it was West's turn to back-pedal.

Bobby Toal had looked the most dangerous man on

the field in the first half, but Green Gully's attackers were denied well by West goalkeeper Gary Sproul.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, McGregor, Hiern, Honeyman, McGachey, Atsalas, Panagis, Konstantopoulos (Stefanopoulos 57), Stamatoopoulos (Papazoglou 66), Malavazos, Papadopoulos.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, P. Beranic, Hogben, D. Beranic, Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassallo, Toal, Smallman (Nancinelli 2), Williams.

REFEREE: M. Browning.
CROWD: 2,300.

A bad lapse of concentration, however, in the second half enabled Lions to level the score.

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BRISBANE LIONS:

CON GETS THAT VITAL GOAL

BY DON SMITH

PRESTON recorded their first victory in the NSL defeating rivals Heidelberg Utd 1-0 at Connor Reserve.

An early goal by versatile Con Opasinis decided the outcome of their unimpressive game, as Preston failed to capitalise on their superiority in the opening half.

Heidelberg were shattered after the goal and packed themselves in defence, drawing a solid wall in front of Olver's goal.

Opasinis did the damage after six minutes netting a cross by Petrovski with a perfect header and it appeared as though Preston supporters were in for a treat.

However, as the game grew older, Heidelberg defenders grew in stature, foiling the blistering Preston attack.

Heidelberg recovered in the second half and moved forward repeatedly hoping to grab the equaliser.

Their hopes were denied as the Preston defence responded superbly to their task.

Preston were unlucky not to have increased the margin on two occasions in the second half. Claude Lucchesi shot against the post in the 71st and three minutes later, Robert Dunn also rattled the post with a header.

Preston coach Peter Ollerton realized the acquisition of the two points but expressed concern about the performance of his side.

As for his counterpart Brian Garvey, the defeat added to the serious problems he had faced since his arrival from England.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinis, Petrovski, Dobson, Dunn, McMillan, Heys, Odjekov, Cole, Lucchesi (Ollerton 77), Campbell (Livingstone 77).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Gabrielson, Yankos, Angele, Valentine, Petersen, Salvo, Selemidis, Patterson (Crajaic 82), Winn (Vajias 82).

REFEREE: J. Upjohn.

CROWD: 4,500.



Dunn

CROATIA THREW IT AWAY

BY HARRY HALL

MELBOURNE CROATIA wasted a valuable point when they drew 2-2 with Brisbane Lions at Green Gully Reserve.

The home team led 2-0 at half-time in a mediocre match, and looked certain of taking the two points.

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BRISBANE LIONS:



TOMMY CUMMING



Marconi's Tony Henderson moves in to halt the progress of St George sweeper David Ratcliffe.

CHANGES DIDN'T WORK FOR SOUTH

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE were forced to share their leadership of the National League (South) with Brunswick Juventus following their unimpressive 2-2 draw against underdogs Footscray.

A miraculous recovery in the last 10 minutes enabled South Melbourne to score two goals and share the points with lionhearted Footscray.

A major reshuffle of the South Melbourne team was mainly responsible for their inability to capitalise on their scoring chances, particularly in the first half, during which midfielders Kenny Murphy and Oscar Crino led Footscray a merry dance.

Coach Len McKendry played Charlie Egan in the midfield to accommodate new recruit Paul Lewis in the forward line. The move proved fruitless, as Lewis was overshadowed by Igor Hazabent, and Egan couldn't penetrate Footscray's solid defence from midfield.

Footscray shocked the 3,500 supporters in the 58th minute with their first goal

when Zdravko Lujic beat the offside trap.

They went further ahead with a Joe Carroll goal in the 73rd minute, but Egan, pushed up-front, reduced the deficit in the 79th minute.

South captain John Yzendoorn netted a minute from full-time, but the referee disallowed the goal. However, Yzendoorn scored a "legal" goal immediately after to equalise.

SOUTH MELB: Laumets, Davidson, Kalafatis, Russell, Yzendoorn, Murphy, Crino, Kancoulis, Brown, Lewis (Kalavokis 65), Egan.

FOOTSCRAY: Tsigras, Hazabent, Tuttil, McDowell, Tansey, Taylor, O'Donnell, Curovic (Bekiaris 24), Carroll, Belic, Lujic.

REFEREE: J Fokianos. CROWD: 3,500.



Egan

ANOTHER REFEREE ROW IN CANBERRA

CONTROVERSY over refereeing continued at Canberra when Brunswick Juventus scored a 2-1 victory over the local Arrows.

The visiting Victorians scored two goals in 30 seconds just after half-time and Canberra still feel they were robbed.

Neil Murray was the

ref — controlling his first NSL match.

In the first minute of the second half a goal-mouth melee saw boots stabbing desperately at the ball as it floated into

BY BERNIE HARRIS the goal area and bounced off the goal post.

To Canberra's disbelief, as goalkeeper Tony

MAGICIAN MARTON STRIKES TWICE

BY JOHN FIELD

ST GEORGE can once again thank the genius of striker Dez Marton for picking up a couple of valuable NSL points against Marconi.

Saints won 2-0 and the remarkable scoring machine called Marton grabbed both of the goals.

Yet in a first half of missed chances but no goals, it seemed both teams were determined to make openings but no to convert them.

There were guilty men on both sides including Tony Henderson, Rod Brown, Andy Koczka and Robbie Slater, all of whom could have scored.

Despite the poor finishing, it was a very good match.

When the 2,000 spectators were just about resigned to a scoreless match, St George struck twice in the closing 10 minutes.

Marton showed all the rest of the players how to score goals.

This defeat was the third for Marconi in three outings, casting them down to the foot of the northern division of the NSL.

For Saints, however, it was a day of triumph... despite injury to defender Robbie O'Shea, who broke a bone in his leg after only six minutes play.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea (Koczka 10), Barton, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Petkovski (Ricoy 80), J. O'Shea, Marton.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Calderan, Henderson, McCulloch, Diordjevic, Carbone, Brown, Jankovics, Licata (Lowe 62).

REFEREE: R. Davies. CROWD: 2,054.



St George striker Dez Marton

MULLEN SINKS SUNSHINE

BY ROGER VERNON

ADELAIDE CITY elevated themselves to the top four of the NSL (South) with a slender 1-0 win over newcomers Sunshine George Cross in Melbourne.

City took the two points but failed to impress with their mediocre performance.

Sunshine George Cross supporters had little to cheer about. They once again displayed weaknesses in key positions and are devoid of an effective midfielder.

Adelaide forward Joe Mullen scored the solitary goal, and deservedly won the "Player of the Match" award.

His performance was matched by Richardson, the lively Georgia defender.

Supporters had every right to complain after the same for not getting value for money.

Some of them even went to the extent of questioning the future of Sunshine George Cross in the NSL.

SUNSHINE GC: Contini, Bennett, Taylor, O'Reilly, Richardson, Bain, McGorian (Camali 79), Stevenson (Jovanovic 59), Gilder, McLaren, Latif.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, De Vito (Ceceri 46), Gatenby, Flounders, Melta, Nyskohus, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin.

REFEREE: S. Mellings. CROWD: 1,500.



JOE MULLEN

Franken clutched the ball, referee Murray awarded a goal to Brunswick.

Franken denied after the match that the ball had crossed the line.

Canberra were still arguing about that goal when the match restarted and Joe Sweeney, credited with the first goal, headed the ball over Franken.

Steve Bryant scored

from a penalty for Arrows but the points had been lost in that hectic 30 seconds just after the interval.

Billy Rogers, former Socceroo, had an outstanding match for Brunswick, a team also exceptional well served by the non-stop effort of Andrew Zinni.

CANBERRA: Frank-

en, Ontong (Hogg 65), Jones, Murray, Redmond, Reis, Farina (Phillips 67), Bryant, Brockbank, Sermanni, Perinovic.

BRUNSWICK: Keogh, Geremia, Hird, Dowie, Rogers, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Ward, Zinni, Lloyd.

REFEREE: N. Murray. CROWD: 800.

CHIT HAT



WOLLONGONG CITY aren't happy with the NSW Federation.

Young striker Scott Dickson joined Wollongong from Polonia last season on loan and he played a number of NSL games.

When Wollongong tried to buy him, Polonia slapped a \$10,000 transfer fee on the youngster.

Naturally there was an immediate appeal lodged against such a big fee and the Federation set a date for the hearing.

Wollongong officials turned up, but would you believe the Polonia club which went to the trouble of imposing the fee didn't go to the trouble of appearing.

Surely if this is the case the Federation should have the power to make a ruling on the spot.

As things stand the player is forced to sit on the sideline.

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ADELAIDE CITY and Sunshine-George Cross showed interest in South Melbourne and New Zealand striker Steve Wooddin — but it seems unlikely that Wooddin will be moving.

He has expressed a desire to return to his home country to continue his career.

SO much for youth. Adelaide City has recalled goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz who has not been between the posts in a competitive game since 1979.

He has been asked to be the back-up keeper for Willie McNally.

The latter dislocated a finger in the Ampol Cup semi-final against Azzurri, and young reserve Marco Cicchianetti had to take over.

However, Romanowicz, who has been helping out on the City coaching staff for juniors, has been given the nod.

It will be interesting to see if he is used only for home games, or if he will be one of the travelling reserves when the team is interstate.

He sat on the bench when McNally tried out his finger in the match against Melbourne Croatia on the Sunday following the Wednesday dislocation.

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IT appears as if Adelaide City's half price ticket plan worked.

The team pulled in 4,600 people to the match against Melbourne Croatia.

However, it is not clear if the \$2 tickets did the trick as one source said 2,000 were sold while another said 4,000.

THE opening round of the National Soccer League in Canberra was a day that Dr Ric Charlesworth, the captain of Australia's highly-acclaimed and world-ranked hockey team, will long remember.

Dr Charlesworth, who is also the Federal member for Perth in the House of Representatives, and who will lead the Australian Hockey team in its quest for a gold medal at the Olympics in Los Angeles, went to the National Sports Centre to watch Canberra and Wollongong.

He certainly enjoyed the performance of the local team.

But in the course of the afternoon Charlesworth lost his wallet, containing a substantial sum of money as well as parliamentary papers and various cards.

After the match, the wallet was handed in to the public address area to the ground announcer. When he was told of the finding and handing in of his wallet, Charlesworth confessed that he had not realised its loss.

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A RECENT benefit day for former Youth team goalkeeper Glenn Ahearn was unfortunately marred by persistent rain.

Still, many turned out and several thousand dollars were raised for Ahearn and his family. Despite the conditions, the day was a success.

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ADRIAN ALSTON certainly has a team of "unknowns" this season.

The Wednesday before the home match against Sydney City, the Wollongong City coach promoted youngster Ray Farrell, from the youth team into the 13-man senior squad.

Unfortunately Alston didn't know the player's name.

He knew him only as "Slippery", a nickname given to Farrell by team-mates because of his speed off the mark.

Inquiries to youth team manager Nev Arrowsmith solved the problem and Farrell came on in the last 38 minutes against Sydney City.

He showed a lot of determination.

IT's not hard to find most of the Brisbane Lions NSL team these days — nearly half the side is living in the one house.

And coach Harry Noon is there too.

Lions president John Morcus has moved to the Gold Coast to manage a block of units and is renting his seven-bedroom house at Richlands to the players.

In addition to Noon, the house shelters John Charlton, Wayne Evans, David Cork and Phil Redmond and his wife.

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FIRST player off the field — leaving in a great rush — after the Newcastle v Preston match was 21-year-old John McQuarrie.

He had an urgent date at a nearby church where he was groomsmen at the wedding of a former Adamstown team-mate.

John wasn't the picture of sartorial elegance when he hopped away from the ground. He was wearing formal wedding gear but no shoe or sock on one foot.

Instead he had an ice pack strapped to it after being injured in the game.

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WEST ADELAIDE had a eventful trip to Brunswick Juventus.

The bus taking the West players to Olympic Park finished up at Heidelberg's ground instead, and despite the haste of the apologetic driver, the SA players had to change in the bus to hit the field on schedule.

To complete the day, the West men almost missed the plane back to Adelaide.

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STRAPPER Luke Robaard has found a lucrative way to pass the time when Wollongong City players travel away on Saturdays this season.

"Dominic", as he has been christened by the players, runs a book on the Sydney and Melbourne races.

On the way to Canberra for the NSL opener, Robaard won \$80.

DAVID McINTOSH (right) clashes heads with Sydney Croatia's Graham Arnold in Penrith's 3-3 draw (photo by Graeme Roberts, District Star Newspapers).



DAVID McINTOSH has shown in Penrith City's first two matches that he will be a dominating force in the back-

line for the NSL newcomers.

The big stopper, who is so reliable cutting out high balls, last played in the National League in

1980 with St George. Since then he played in State League with Yugal, and had a very good season in 1983 for that club.



STEVE WOODDIN (right) celebrates a goal for New Zealand with Grant Turner

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ROUND 4 — 24-25 MARCH

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CANBERRA ARROWS
v
SOUTH MELBOURNE

3.00pm

VENUE: Bruce Stadium

REFEREE: G. Davies



PETER LAUMETS

ADELAIDE CITY
v
PRESTON

2.30pm

VENUE: Kensington Oval

REFEREE: D. Campbell

LEICHHARDT
v
BLACKTOWN CITY

3.00pm

VENUE: Henson Park

REFEREE: A. Owens



ROBERT WHEATLEY

BRISBANE CITY
v
SYDNEY CROATIA

3.00pm

VENUE: Spencer Park

REFEREE: G. Nicholson

MARCONI
v
NEWCASTLE UNITED

3.00pm

VENUE: Marconi Stadium

REFEREE: D. Rennie



BERTIE MARIANI

FOOTSCRAY
v
WEST ADELAIDE

3.00pm

VENUE: Schintler Reserve

REFEREE: S. Zoumas

P'MATTA MELITA EAGLES
v
ST GEORGE

3.00pm

VENUE: Melita Stadium

REFEREE: P. Rampley



PETER PETKOVSKI

GREEN GULLY
v
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

3.00pm

VENUE: Green Gully, St Albans

REFEREE: C. Bambridge

SYDNEY OLYMPIC
v
SYDNEY CITY

3.00pm

VENUE: Pratten Park

REFEREE: R. Lorenc



JEFF OLVER

HEIDELBERG UNITED
v
BRISBANE LIONS

3.00pm

VENUE: Olympic Village

REFEREE: S. Mellings

PENRITH CITY
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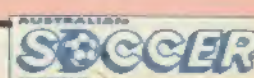
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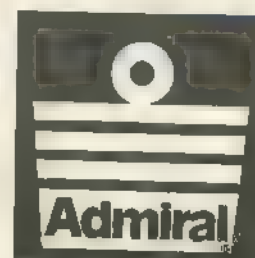
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SHOULDER HAS HIS EYES ON CHILE VENTURE

While major attention is focussed on the preparation and build-up for the Socceroos quest to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico, plans are also being drawn up for the Young Socceroos to qualify for the World Youth Cup finals in Chile next year.

New national coach Frank Arok is wasting no time mapping out his battle plans for the national team and his Youth counterpart in Canberra, Jim Shoulder, is doing likewise.

The next 18 months are going to be hectic on the national front both at senior and youth level.

Since 1981, the Young Socceroos have had to carry the international banner for Australia in World Soccer except for the series against England and two games against New Zealand.

The youngsters performed in magnificent fashion in the 1981 World Youth series here in Australia and their exploits in winning through to last year's Cup finals in Mexico thrilled

led the Australian sporting public.

Who can ever forget their first step into the big time when they came third in the Havelange tournament in Mexico; their magnificent fight in Costa Rica to overcome the odds to win through to Mexico — then the defeat of European champions, Scotland, in the final series.

Fond memories indeed of a job well done by all concerned.

New Youth coach Shoulder has a hard act to follow and is planning accordingly.

Shoulder will be helped by the fact that there are now 30 players within the age limit in first team squads of the NSL.

This is more than at any other time.

Players such as St George's Peter Petkovski and Pedro Ricoy, Sydney Olympic's Alex Lambropoulos and Chris Kalantzis

and Wollongong's Alex Bundalo, to name a few, will likely be the basis of the new team.

If the Young Socceroos are to qualify for Chile, the cornerstone of the team must come from the NSL where players are battle-hardened and know what the professional game is all about.

BY TOM ANDERSON

The competition might go under the heading of World Youth series — but don't let that fool you.

Les Scheinflug and his Young Socceroos found out that the opposition no matter how baby-faced they looked, were hardened professionals, and played like it.

Most players in national youth teams from around the world were in the first team squads of professional clubs.

To match this, Australia

must do likewise.

To fill our squad with players who have only had experience in the NSL Youth League would be committing suicide, a complete waste of time and money.

However coach Shoulder realises this and will select the best players available, no matter where they are playing.

The first qualifying round of next year's Youth Cup will be held in Australia in December.

After this, the winner of the Oceania round will have to face opposition yet unknown — probably in South America.

It will be difficult to qualify but not any more difficult than in Costa Rica in 1983.

The finals in Chile will be in October.

The Chilean Football Association canvassed hard for the Championships and have been rewarded for

their hard work.

It is a country that is "Soccer-mad" as I found out during visits there in 1973 and 1978.

The population of Chile is 11,000,000 with more than 50 percent under 21. Little wonder they wanted the World Youth Championship held there.

Organisation in Chile is expected to be of a high level as the Chileans have plenty of big-time experience behind them.

Facilities for the game there are excellent, the big venue being the Estadio Nacional in Santiago which holds 80,000.

Other grounds are the Antofagasta Stadium in the north of Chile 30,000, the Playa Ancha Stadium in Valparaiso 20,000, Santa Laura Stadium in Santiago 30,000, to name a few.

The hotels in Chile are of a good standard and training facilities are excellent. Pride of the Chilean F.A.

is the Juan Pinto Duran Sports Ground, located 10 kilometres from Santiago. This has two first rate Soccer grounds,

Chris Kalantzis: a chance of making the next youth team

a motel accommodating 40, dressing rooms for guest and local teams, a medical clinic, sauna baths, large dining rooms, recreation rooms, living rooms with close circuit colour TV in every room.

It's Chile's equivalent of the Australian Institute of Sport.

A world series — either senior or youth — is always an exciting affair in South America and this one will be no exception.

Let's hope the series is graced by the presence of the Young Socceroos.

Our youngsters now have a solid reputation in world Soccer at youth level and long may it continue on the difficult road to Chile.

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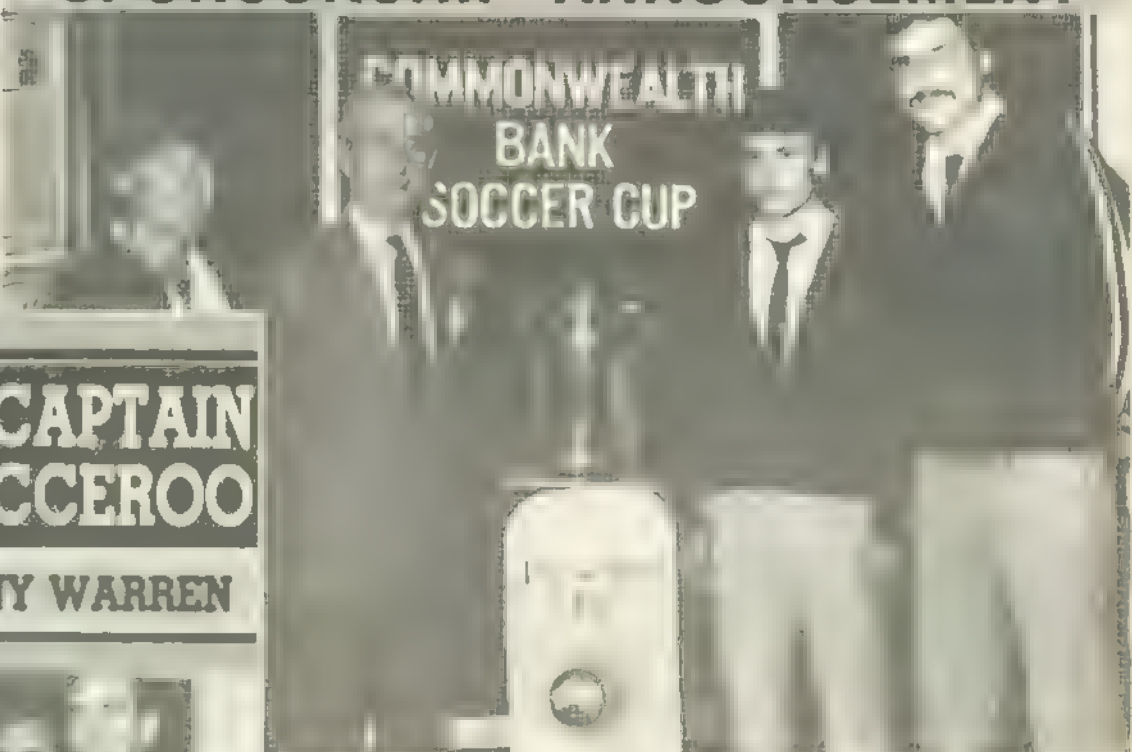
Present for the announcement were players from Kogarah Boys High School, winners of last year's Cup including one of their star players Peter Petkovski of St George's NSL first team.

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HOARE RETURNS TO THE LIMELIGHT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

HAVING spent the past few seasons in the shadows of Australian national team goalkeepers Greg Woodhouse and Bruce James, Barry Hoare has finally found a spot in the NSL with Blacktown City.

Hoare started the 1983 season at Blacktown as third-choice goalkeeper behind Bruce James and Peter Freeman. He quickly

working very hard on both problems.

A sales representative with J. Blackwood and Son, Australia's largest engineering distributor,

Croatia), Hoare won selection to the CHS side. At the end of the schoolboy championships, he was also selected in the Australian school side

At the end of 1976, he went to England to visit his grandparents.

His stay in England could have changed the course of his playing career.

"I spend five weeks training with the Middlesbrough youth team. Craig Johnston, now with Liverpool, was also there. Unfortunately I had to return to Australia for my Higher School Certificate. Middlesbrough would have been pleased to have me back," Hoare said.

In 1977 he was first-choice keeper at Granville. Many critics felt he had more potential than Alan Maher at that age and stage of his career.

It was Bobby Wall who gave Hoare a chance to impress in first grade. Hoare took this opportunity with open arms.

Success came to Hoare in 1978. Some fine performances for Granville resulted in him gaining selection in the NSW side for the interstate game against Queensland.

Hoare was the only State League player in the team, which surprised many people. That NSW team boasted names like Clarke, Mullen, Russell, Steve O'Connor, Degney, Stone, Barnes, Sharpe, Hall, Giampaolo, Eaton, Phil O'Connor, and Butler.

Hoare was surprised that he was selected.

"I was only playing at Granville and all the other players were in the NSL. The selection came out of the blue. I only expected to warm the bench in Brisbane but ended up playing half a game," Hoare said.

He was voted Player of the Year at Granville in



1978 as well as being runner-up to Craig Hall in the NSW U21 Player of the Year competition.

Midway through the 1979 season, Hoare was signed by Apia-Leichhardt. Ray Richards, who was coach of Apia at the time, was quick to sign him because St George coach Raul Blanco was also interested.

Unfortunately, Hoare was understudy to Greg Woodhouse for the rest of the 1979 season as well in 1980. Hoare picked the wrong time to move to Apia because Woodhouse was in tremendous form.

During his stay at Apia, Hoare could only watch as Woodhouse moved from strength to strength, selected in the Australian Youth team as well as the senior national team.

Despite spending all of his stay as understudy to Woodhouse, Hoare appreciated the help he received from ex-international Ron Lord.

"He was just fantastic. He would be at training

every night passing on his exceptional knowledge of the goalkeeping trade. It's a pity he is not coaching at the moment," Hoare said.

In 1981, Hoare moved from Leichhardt to Blacktown City. Rale Rasic was coach and Bruce James was first choice goalkeeper. Ironically, James clinched an Australian squad spot the following year.

With Blacktown relegated to the NSW State League, Hoare decided to spend 1982 on the sidelines. He took this step for two reasons — he was starting a new job and getting married.

Last year, he decided to try his luck at Blacktown and found himself in the embarrassing situation of being reserve for the second grade side.

Hoare moved quickly in those early weeks. James signed for Marconi and a bad spell from Peter Freeman saw Hoare promoted to the first team.

He hasn't looked back since.



BARRY HOARE holds the ball in front of Sydney City's John Kosmina (photos by Graeme Roberts, District Star Newspapers)

secured the first-team spot after only 10 rounds.

Blacktown City coach, Casey De Bruin, is very happy with the progress Hoare has made in two seasons.

"Barry is one of the most under-rated goalkeepers in the NSL. In recent games he has been playing exceptionally well and his reflexes have been excellent," De Bruin said.

"He is a positive thinker and his attitude to training is admirable. His relationship with youth keeper David Curtis is good," De Bruin said.

Like all goalkeepers, Hoare has one or two aspects of his game that need working on. He lacks a bit of aggression — the killer instinct. His distribution could be better but his



Hoare started playing Soccer in the country of his birth, England.

Born in 1959, he played schoolboy Soccer for Seaton Carew, near Hartlepool, as a midfielder.

He arrived in Australia in 1969 aged 10, and played junior Soccer in the Granville district here.

Barry was quickly signed up by Granville and in 1975 was in the third grade side.

It was a very big year in 1976 for Hoare. As well as being understudy to Granville first choice, Steve Watson (now with Sydney

COLLINS 'DOING A GOOD JOB'

BY BERNIE HARRIS

NEW national coach Frank Arok is well advanced in his planning for the Australian World Cup campaign.

And two players who could figure prominently in his scheming did nothing to blot their copybooks when the Canberra Arrows became the 20th team to fail to defeat St George.

Whilst Arok complained that the two strikers and eight defenders employed by the Arrows made his team's task all that more difficult, he had words of praise for one of the youngest sides in the NSL.

"I was very impressed with the way they handled the game. They played it very hard. From what I have seen, Doug Collins is doing a very good job in Canberra," Arok said.

And what of the performance of Australian Youth goalkeeper, Anthony Franken, who caught the eye of all present with a blinder?

Arok described Franken as an excellent youngster. "Probably he will be one of the regulars in the national team in a couple of years. He has fantastic reflexes and very safe hands, and those

attributes are very important. What he lacks at the moment is at least one or two years in big Soccer. That experience is very important for major games."

Obviously, Arok was delighted with the form shown by Terry Greedy who brought off several excellent saves against the Canberra team.

What is the national coach's view of Frank Farina who had one of his quieter games after some "treatment" from John O'Shea early in the match.

Arok left no doubts with an economy of words. "I have been chasing only three players in Australia in the last three years," he said. "They are David Mitchell, Oscar Crino and Frank Farina. So, I think I have said everything about him."

On his own team's unbeaten record, Arok was philosophical. Defeat was part of the game and sooner or later, unfortunately, he mused, it would come.

He switched hats to speak as national coach again.

"This is very rewarding. We need good players at international level in the coming months and years."

Discussing criticism levelled at Arok for "negative tactics" in the series last year against England, the wily coach's eyes sparkled as he explained his theory: "When you have a job like that to do, the first task is to select the very best players and then learn about their good sides and weaknesses."

"When you know that, you must settle on some kind of strategy. Last year, that strategy was — we had to perform decently because of the quality of the team we faced. It was essential that we organise ourselves in defence, and this we did."

"But let the critics recall how we went. We improved with each game. In the second game, we played so much better and in the third outing we put pressure on our opponents. In no way did we go backwards."

"And never forget — it is everything in Soccer that you produce results."



FRANK FARINA during Canberra's loss

Australian Soccer Weekly — March 20, 1984



HOARE (right) warms up with young Demons reserve keeper, David Curtis

PARRAMATTA TO STRIKE BACK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

PARRAMATTA CITY, the oldest Soccer club in Australia, hope to establish themselves as one of the best in NSW.

Like most clubs in the NSW State League, the committee has decided that all players will be ranked as amateurs.

Parramatta City, who previously played under the name of Granville in the old NSW competition until the late 1970s, have developed and "nursed" some outstanding Australian players — in particular goalkeepers.

Three who come to mind are ex-Socceroo Allan Maher, Sydney Croatia's Steve Watson and Blacktown City's Barry Hoare.

Parramatta secretary John Marsh feels that the club can again reach its previous high status.

"Our club has been functioning for more than 100 years. Changing to an amateur status should hopefully give the players the incentive of playing for the love of the game," said Marsh.

"We have one of the biggest junior associations in



PERCY BIGLANDS
last year's coach.

NSW. With plenty of young players in our backyard, the incentive is there for them to win a spot at City," Marsh added.

The club is currently working on obtaining sponsorship. Ken Allen Motors, who have sponsored the club for many seasons, will once again support the club this year.

It will be difficult for the club this year. Let's face it, players love to be paid for

their services.

Robert Wall returns to the club this year. He had been previously associated with the club in a coaching capacity and will fulfil this role this year.

Marsh is very confident that Wall will be successful.

"He is the man we wanted and needed. He has been appointed for two years and will have total control over selection and all other aspects involved with the running of both the first and second grade squads," Marsh said.

Wall has adopted a different selection policy to other coaches. He will have a combined first and second grade and both sides will be selected at the end of each week.

With the financial problems within the club and the loss of trading within the licensed club, Parramatta have lost two prominent people this year. First grade coach Percy Biglands has left, so has second grade

coach Denis Donovan.

Donovan was also a goalkeeper at the club last year.

John Ford, a player as well as assistant secretary-treasurer, has hopes for the youngsters within the club and district.

"We always seem to lose our best juniors to other club in close proximity to us. We have a good breed of youngsters, six or seven we are confident can kick on," said Ford.

"We have a two year plan to re-establish ourselves as one of the best clubs west of Sydney. We must build our junior strength and the only way to do that is to retain them," Ford said.

Ford along with midfielder Mark McCreanor, and youngsters Bobby Nicholson and Gary Mowbray will figure prominently in their plans this year.

One can only hope that Australia's most prestigious club can once again be in the spotlight of Australian Soccer.



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

NO FRIENDSHIP OVER REIS

BY BERNIE HARRIS

THE Friendship Cup, promoted by New South Wales State League club Inter-Monaro to help re-establish good relations with Canberra Arrows, is a very tarnished vessel just a few weeks after the initial contest for possession of it.

Indeed, Arrows coach Doug Collins says that, if the invitation to play in the tournament comes again next season, the club would have to consider seriously whether to participate.

The cause of Collins' anger is an amazing sequence of events, involving striker Alan Reis, which came to a head on the eve of the Arrows' first home match.

Earlier the Arrows had exercised an option to buy Reis back from Inter-Monaro for the sum of \$1,500 — the amount paid by Inter-Monaro for Reis from the Arrows in 1983.

Reis travelled with the Arrows to Hobart for the opening friendly against the Juventus team and appeared in subsequent pre-season matches, including against Inter-Monaro during the Friendship Cup tournament.

In the interim, Inter-Monaro sought several Arrows players.

Last Friday week, two



REIS

Arrows cheque unchanged, that Reis was suspended by the New South Wales State Federation because he had gone to Hobart without his club's permission.

Some blunt talking followed between officials of both clubs. The Arrows wanted the deal to be ratified immediately with Inter-Monaro being told that the cheque was on its way back.

Inter-Monaro wanted an undertaking that Angelo Ambrosino would be released for \$2,000; if that happened, Reis would be cleared.

The secretary of the NSL, Stefan Kamasz, confirmed that on the day before the Wollongong match he was advised by the NSW Soccer Federation that Reis had been transferred to the Arrows and that a suspension of one week on the player in relation to the Hobart trip had been cancelled.

SEASIDERS. SAINTS READY FOR ACTION

BY KENNY SANSOM

THE greatest boost for Soccer in the Manly-Warringah district of New South Wales was the promotion of Warringah-Narrabeen to the State League First Division.

With the Seaside and the Saints competing in Division 1 a healthy rivalry is bound to develop, and hopefully the Manly Soccer public will flock to the local derbies.

This year will be the first time a club in the Manly-Warringah district will be able to challenge the Seaside as number one on the northside.

Warringah-Narrabeen coach John Wignall is looking forward to the season which lies ahead. "Having two clubs in the same division can only be good for the district, both teams will be competing, rather than resting on their laurels."

The Saints are in the top division after finishing runners-up to Rockdale but they also won the Second Division Grand Final against Gladesville, last season.

The club lost a couple of players in strikers Peter Kuley and Hilton Phillips, but luckily a few new players were signed.

"Initially Hilton was a big loss, and of course we didn't want to lose him, but we have gained a couple of excellent players in Neil Taylor and former Manly player John Garrett," Wignall stated.

The club's aims for this season have changed since they have played a few trial games, according to Wignall. "We were hoping to consolidate and hopefully stay up, but since we have played 7 trial games in first grade without a loss, confidence is booming and we are looking to get into the top half of the table; anything else will be a bonus."

Big question is — can the Saints beat Manly? "Of

course," was Wignall's answer. "You have to have confidence and go into a game thinking positive. We are liable to beat any team that is the attitude we must take without being big-headed."

Saints first grader Alan Dean, along with the whole club, is looking forward to the Manly game without going overboard. "We will be treating the Manly game with the same preparation as any other match," said Dean.

John Wignall shares the opinion of many other players and coaches. "Sutherland are definitely the team to beat, but Monaro with a strengthened squad will also be difficult especially in Queanbeyan."

Wignall did not want to be drawn into naming players he feels will stand out this season, but obviously goalkeeper Peter Dean, brother Alan, John Garrett,

John McDonagh and Billy Bulloch, if available, will be well worth watching although Wignall is first to admit that he builds his squad around teamwork rather than personalities.

The one difficulty that had to be encountered was the long break between the Ampol Cup and the start of the season. "It is hard to motivate the players when there is a two month break but I have been lucky to have a good squad, at the moment sharp and confident."

The Warringah-Narrabeen club is very fortunate to have a hard-working committee, who leave the coaching and playing to the coaches and playing staff and do their best to make the Club into a strong and, hopefully, successful one.

Indeed Warringah-Narrabeen are looking for

ward to a very exciting and enjoyable year and prove to many other Clubs that they are not just UPSTARTS from the second division, the "easybeats" of the competition.

The Saints mount the biggest challenge in their history from April 1, and will challenge Manly's supremacy in the district and perhaps consolidate themselves as one of the stronger clubs in the NSW State League.

PROMOTION BATTLE

BY PHIL MURPHY

ANZAC DAY would seem an appropriate time for rivals Wollongong United and Fairy Meadow to clash.

The two Sydney second division clubs are geared up for another tilt at promotion and at this early stage, United might have an edge.

Player-coach John Bingham says his players are "jumping out of their skin" for the start of the premiership against Dee Why this weekend.

"I have a 15-man squad with cover for every position and things have fallen in to place well for me since I took the job," Bingham said.

"The players feel this will be United's year; the club has certainly been trying to get into State League for long enough."

Bingham won't have any goalkeeping problems, having added former Shellharbour keeper Jeff Robinson to his squad.

He joins long-serving Peter Terziovski, who is proving the real "survivor" of the United team.

Fairy Meadow start the season with a home game against Pennrith on Sunday and coach Mike Johnson has been working hard with a somewhat limited squad of players.

Early injuries and players starting training late have combined to give Johnson his share of problems but he is confident they can be overcome.

Supporters of the two teams will get their chance to see how they shape up when they meet at Berkeley Sport-ground on Anzac Day.

It could be worth going a long way to see.

WINGER John Sokoloski certainly gets itchy feet.

In five seasons he has been with four different Illawarra clubs, starting with Berkeley.

He then moved on to Cringila and West-Figtree before signing with Warilla Wanderers in the off-season.

He scored both goals in Warilla's 2-1 win over Russell Vale in the Corrimall Leagues Club \$1400 knockout semi-final.

Ironically it was Sokoloski who scored twice when Figtree beat Warilla 3-1 in last season's grand final at Memorial Park — the same ground the knockout game was played on.

He should be a big asset to Warilla and give strong support to striking partner Barry Robinson.

ILLAWARRA junior Soccer referees have picked up a four-figure sponsorship from Warrawong Toyota.

Manly is believed to be the only other association in the State with similar backing for their junior refs.

The Illawarra referees — ranging in age from 14 to 18 — will carry the name of their sponsors on their shirts this season.

FAIRY MEADOW have released promising young striker Tony Corradini to Wollongong City and he is playing in the youth side.

Corradini celebrated his debut with his new club by scoring against Sydney City and he has the potential to make a name for himself in the NSL.

Last season he scored 34 goals in the Fairy Meadow under 18 side.

Even then he wasn't the top goal getter in the team as Robert Brilhante topped the 40-mark.

Brilhante has decided to stay with his old club and he will be pushing for a place in the first grade side in the near future.



ALAN DEAN (right)

MILLER SHINES IN CUP WIN

BY TOM McKAIN

IF Frank Arok is looking for goalkeepers for his World Cup squads, he could do worse than consider David Miller of South Australia State League club Azzurri.

The 19-year-old custodian almost single-handedly retained the Ampol Cup for his club when it beat West Adelaide 5-4 on penalties last Wednesday night.

With the score 0-0 after extra-time, Miller dived to save the first West penalty from captain Graham Honeyman, then got his hand to three more before they went in.

At the other end of the park Gary Sproul could not emulate Miller, and it was all over for another year.

The save from Honeyman was poetic justice as far as Miller was concerned, as it was a Honeyman penalty which beat Azzurri 1-0 on opening night.

Miller has been a member of previous Soccerroo Youth squads, but never made the final cut.

He has been in brilliant touch so far this year, and in the final made at least three saves which kept Azzurri in the game.

One came in the second minute when George Kon-

standopoulos' lobbed header appeared to be drifting into the net over Miller's head.

He looked too far out to do anything, but he leapt high, and backwards, to tip the ball for a corner.

He also thwarted Tim Brown and Honeyman in the first half, which saw West piling on the pressure with their "hundred-miles-an-hour" Soccer.

It was much the same in the second period although Wally Bojczuk and John Francis had the NSL defence worried at times.

However, Sproul had little to do apart from diving to save a Francis shot.

For West, it was the end of their 100 per cent winning record in the night series this year.

And it is interesting to recall that Miller was a West player, but three years ago was swapped in a deal which took Robbie Dunn, now with Preston, to West.

MAITLAND OFFERED PLACE

BY MYLES HAY

WITH the demise of Tamworth from the Northern NSW First Division three weeks before the kick-off, Maitland will take over the vacant spot.

The withdrawal completes the failure of the over-ambitious State League scheme introduced some seasons ago which included such sides as Armadale, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and Twin Towns (Tweed Heads-Coolangatta).

Petty differences with local amateur officials appear to have been the main reason for the collapse of the Northern NSW-based sides.

For the 1984 season,

several sides including Westons, Central Coast Lake Macquarie and Adamstown are vying for favouritism in what should be a hotly-contested series.

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TARGET in Lake Macquarie's five-year plan is a place in the National Soccer League.

Although knocked out by Second Division side Austral United in the pre-season Alcan Cup, Lake Macquarie are full of enthusiasm for the season ahead.

Coach is the well-known Mike Trebilcock, with former Weston defender Mick Davies as his assistant. Peter Whornes will look after the Under 18 side.

Valuable sponsors have been found in Hodgetts Homes, Delforce Daihatsu and Newcastle Valley Bricks.

Despite the loss of burly



MIKE TREBILCOCK

striker Kerry Caban to Leichhardt, Lakes officials believe that the acquisition of Jim Goldsmith (Weston), Ken Bevan and Richard

Hartley (both from Adamstown), David Wilson (Wallsend) and David Brenton (West Lakes) will bolster the team.



TWO TIPPED FOR HONOURS

BY GREG RUSSELL

WITH the start of Queensland's new-look Premier League now only two weeks away, many are predicting the competition will be a two-horse race.

Last year's champions Mount Gravatt and Ampol Cup winners Ipswich are the teams most are putting forward as likely to fight out the honours this year.

And ironically the two are drawn to meet each other in what undoubtedly will be the match of the first round Ipswich will have the home advantage.

Although the pre-season form Mt Gravatt has shown at times has been patchy, the Hawks again appear to have the depth in all grades to carry them through to a healthy position again at the end of the year.

Mt Gravatt has lost hardly anyone from last year's side and definitely will be hard to toss once the Premier League starts.

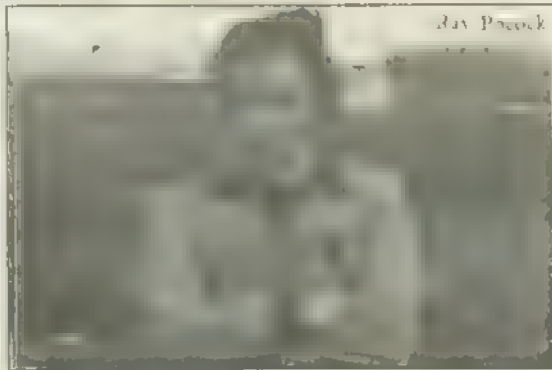
Similarly, Ipswich have very close to last year's side and coach Matt Carson has strengthened the team even further by the signing of former Lions midfielder Gerry Lindsay from Valley Trident.

The team which many are tipping could upset the "big two" is Grange Thistle.

Thistle reached the final of their own pre-season tournament at Lanham Park and were by far the most consistent side in the competition.

But depth could be a problem for the Tangerines and they often have failed narrowly in the past when hit by injuries at crucial stages of the season.

The real dark-horses of the new 10-team Premier League could be Eastern Suburbs, now coached by former Victorian Metropolitan League player Ray Pocock.



Pocock has made little noise in taking over the Tigers, but in the past few weeks his side has begun to do some talking on the field.

Their 3-3 draw with Brisbane City in the XXXX competition a week ago now leaves the Gladiators in the embarrassing position of possibly not qualifying for the semi-finals.

The real disappointment of the pre-season has been the bad form of last year's final winners Olympic United.

Coach Walter Tamandl has little to work with and unless Olympic can find replacements for the many stars that have left the club, it could be a long and unsuccessful year for the Greeks.

Acacia Ridge are still searching for a first-team goalkeeper after Robbie Farrow's decision to go back to Lions. Farrow began trailing with the NSL club at the start of the season but became disenchanted when he was first injured, then Lions signed Wayne Evans.

But following the transfer-listing of Brett Beves, Farrow has been told he is now No 2 keeper at Lions.

and has returned to Richlands in a bid to break into the NSL side.

Coalstars are eagerly searching for players and have been canvassing many clubs in a bid to make signings and strengthen their side before the start of the season.

Wynnum, now coached by former Annerley coach Brian Lampitt, stunned everyone by drawing with Mount Gravatt last week. Youngster Billy McDermott was particularly outstanding and caught the eye of at least one NSL coach.

Although the side may lack the experience and depth to make a serious championship challenge, the Baysiders could cause one of two upsets this season — particularly at Maramba Stadium.

North Star, who are still searching for a good striker after losing Peter Carter to Thistle, were interested in former City player Joe Cairney. But the Zillmere club may have lost out to Valley Trident.

Iain Kesson's young Taringa side were outstanding last week in losing narrowly to the full Lions NSL team in a XXXX match, and may not be the

pushovers everyone at first thought.

With Mike Savage back in midfield, Rovers are a much more competitive outfit, although Kesson still needs a good striker and at least one old head in his side.



The draw for the opening round of the Premier League on April 7/8, is: Thistle v Coalstars, Ipswich v Mt Gravatt, Olympic v Easts, Taringa v Acacia Ridge, Wynnum v North Star.

GERRITSEN OFF TO HOLLAND

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Queensland youth team player, Michael Gerritsen, is to trial in Holland.

Gerritsen, 19, who now plays at Premier League club Acacia Ridge after an extended spell with Lions, is to go to Europe in June.

He has relatives in Holland, who have arranged a trial with their local club.

"I am not even sure what its name is but it is one of the higher division clubs," Gerritsen said.

"I am really going over there mainly for a holiday but it will be good to play Soccer as well. If anything comes from the trial then it will be a bonus."

Gerritsen is one of the most exciting young strikers in the Premier League. He burst on the scene two years ago when he was a late inclusion in the Queensland Youth Team for the injured Stephen Glockner.

Gerritsen had a sensational tournament in Canberra that year, helping Queensland win the championship, and attracted the eye of Les Scheinflug who was then picking his original Youth team squad.

Former national coach

Scheinflug came back to Queensland several months later to watch Gerritsen again in a specially-arranged trial — which won Russell Stewart selection — but the young striker was starved of the ball and failed to gain a Youth team berth.

But since moving to Acacia Ridge he has become a more confident player and was brilliant in the Ridge's opening XXXX tournament match.

The Ridge won 3-1 with Gerritsen scoring the second.



DAVID MILLER

UNIVERSITY UPSET OLYMPIC

BY VAN DIEMAN

OLYMPIA's hopes of winning the Summer Cup competition received a minor setback when the Greek side could only draw 2-2 with University in its opening game of the tournament.

Olympic squandered a 2-0 lead and, despite having numerous scoring chances, it must have been thankful for a point.

Forster scored with a penalty after 10 minutes and Nichols had a second goal five minutes later.

Peter Crowther's fine run down the left resulted in an accurate cross into the penalty area where Frattacio reduced the lead by scoring easily. The equaliser, from Crowther, came from the penalty spot 16 minutes after the interval.

Juventus-Pioneer also stumbled at the first hurdle. Caledonians drew 2-2 with the Cadbury League champion but with a little more luck Calles might have won.

Murtagh put Calles in front, but goals by Ward and Pace gave Juventus the lead after 23 minutes. An incredible piece of bad luck allowed Parker to equalise just before half-time.

Juventus goalkeeper, Steve Craven, slipped while attempting to kick the ball upfield and fell to the ground. The ball slipped from his grasp and ran to Parker's feet and the Calles striker, scarcely able to believe his good fortune,



IAN PARKER

stroked the ball into an empty net.

In the evening's opening match, Hobart City made hard work of defeating a depleted Clarence side 2-0, both goals coming in the second half through Maxwell and Cavarretta.

NEW SUPERKIDS AT BLACKTOWN

BLACKTOWN CITY's Superkids are off to a good start for 1984.

The new group, who are under 12 this year, are shaping well.

The boys train four times per week, and they are having more social games than the earlier groups who joined in the scheme, reports coach David Lee.

Most of those in the new intake have obtained their skill jackets.

To do this means they must be first class jugglers already.

They do 1,000 juggles of the ball, 200 alternate feet juggles and 100 head juggles.

Part of the plan is to bring senior players in occasionally to work with the lads.

Pictured are two of the newcomers, Jamie Fleeting (left) and Glen Johnson (right) working under the expert eyes of Rob Wheatley.

Both boys can do in excess of 300 head juggles.

Rob Wheatley, being an Australian international as well as a trainee physical education teacher, has plenty to offer.

The boys of the entire Blacktown district would do well to see him operating as a successful attacking

full-back with the Demons at Gabbie Stadium regularly.

The second snap shows club coach Casey de Bruin with two of the Academy players who are coming through the ranks.

They are Russell Gendle

(left) and Tony Galea (right).

Casey comes in for three weeks of the year and works with the youngsters.

Russell, 14, is already playing for the U19 Youth League squad and Tony is knocking at the door.



RIVERINA OUT OF U16 TITLES

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has heard four appeals of players in the 1984 Albury Wodonga Soccer Association's U16 rep side.

The Riverina Appeal Board found that on evidence submitted, the 1983 U15 AWSA rep team brought discredit to the Association and the branch.

Chairman of the board, also junior vice-president of the NSWASF and president of the Branch, Mr Bob Maundrell, said that evidence was not sufficient or conclusive enough that the boys alone should suffer

the whole responsibility of the actions of the team.

However, the Riverina Branch is in full support of the AWSA's endeavour to stamp out such team behaviour for the future respect and betterment of the code.

"The Riverina Branch of the NSWASF has decided that AWSA shall not enter a rep team in the U16 age-group in 1984 in any

competition including the 1984 VSF country titles," Mr Maundrell said.

There is a great responsibility placed on team coaches and managers while away from their locality.

"However, parents should not use officials as whipping boys when something goes wrong," Maundrell said.

"Parents support their team by their presence as there presence acts as an authority figure of their children."



THORNLEIGH CLUB will field almost 400 players this season in Sydney's Gladesville-Hornsby Association matches.

A planned change in emphasis to the teaching of skills as priority in the training of young players seems to be paying dividends in results.

Thornleigh now has first division teams in most junior age-groups.

Club president Keith Hillman can be contacted on 84 7595 by any coaching applicant or intending players.

Thornleigh's Michael Robinson, who idolises his Liverpool namesake, shows a neat swerve in this Gladesville-Hornsby match.

MILTON'S AWARD

BY FRANK FINLAY

HE was a giant, like an American gridiron player as he walked across the freshly polished parquetry of the auditorium.

He was mesmerised, muttering to himself with quivering lips, shaking his head and waving his arms.

"It must be a dream, it cannot be true, why not somebody else, they don't hand those out everyday," the man was talking to himself, while approaching the official dais, during the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association's annual ball and presentation night.

He was standing beside the AWSA president John King, who started to read out a letter from the English Football Association.

When the man, John Milton, a veteran footballer with Chelsea for three years, and an English ace referee received the FA's award for "distinguished service to Soccer" all he could say: "I cannot believe it, it must be a dream, thank you all."

When I interviewed him, he was still far away.

John, after severe back injuries had to give up Soccer and soon enough became a top referee, officiating many First Division matches.

Two years ago he joined the Albury Wodonga Referees' Association and was also appointed as referees' inspector of the Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The night after his celebrations, bad news hit Albury and Wodonga.

John resigned from active field duties, citing his severe back and knee injuries as the reason for his retirement.

The good news is that John has been elected as president of the Albury Wodonga Referees' Association.



COLE — KING OF THE WEST

SUCCESSFUL Western NSW coach Peter Cole will handle the U14 representative team for the Branch this season.

But coaches are yet to be appointed for the U11, 12 and 16 years' teams.

The U11s will be involved in the A.S. Tanner tournament on May 9/11.

The U12s have been booked to play in the Centenary Cup in Sydney on May 6/13 and then back up in the State Championships in August/September.

The U16s' basic involvement will be in the State Championships at the same time also.

Meanwhile, the branch officials and the secretaries of the four individual associations covering the west are:

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NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

IN a major surprise in third round of the NSL Youth League, Marconi bounced back to beat the fancied St George 2-0 at St George Stadium.

It was a disappointing first half. Both sides were too physical at times and the Fairfielders went to the break one goal ahead, scored by midfielder Geoff Gunning.

In the second half the game opened up more and Marconi went further ahead in the 75th minute with a good shot from Reid.

However, Saints pulled one back in the 78th minute through Chris Polias.

Blacktown City went into their game against Melita Eagles at Melita Stadium as joint leaders with St George.

Blacktown's first round defeat to Sydney City 1-4 was reversed by the League and awarded to the Demons as a 3-0 win because Sydney City had fielded more than the four over-age players.

Despite this good fortune, Blacktown did not have a good day in front of goal against the Eagles. They should have taken an early lead following a well-taken free-kick, which was netted, but unfortunately one of the forwards was offside. They took the lead in the 24th minute when Alex Jamieson made his only mistake of the game when he turned a low cross past his own keeper.

Paul Andricopoulos levelled the scores in the 37th minute when he cleverly intercepted a pass back to the keeper. Darren Beecroft was on hand to slot home the winner after the Demons' keeper failed to hold an Alex Jamieson drive.

It was a frustrating day for both coaches at Bruce Stadium. The game was decided by an own goal in the 18th minute following a long clearance out of AIS defence and stopper Glen Anderson, under pressure, headed the bouncing ball over his own keeper.

AIS were in command for most of the game, but both sides became very frustrated and neither strung more than two or three passes together.

At the Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney City appeared very flat in the first half against an enthusiastic Penrith.

However, the Slickers shook of their lethargy in the second half and took command and pinned the Panthers in their own half for long periods.

Alex Bottalico started

things off with two well-taken goals in the 65th and 78th minutes.

Penrith's Randall Easthorpe replied in the 85th minute when he cleverly flighted a long ball over the keeper's head to make it 2-1. However, not to be outdone, Brazilian Nelio Borges cleverly beat two defenders on the edge of the box before picking his spot in the top right-hand corner of the net to make it 3-1.

So despite their loss of two points midweek the Slickers are still equal top of the league, but fourth on goal difference.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES:

Sat:
AIS v Olympic (1pm Bruce Stadium)

Sun:
Canberra v Croatia (1pm Bruce Stadium)

Leichhardt v Blacktown (1pm Henson Park)

Marconi v Newcastle (1pm Marconi Stadium)

Melita v St George (1pm Melita Stadium)

Penrith v Wollongong (12.30pm Cook Park, St Marys)

Olympic v Sydney City (1pm Pratten Park)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Melita Eagles	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
St George	3	2	0	1	9	7	4
Newcastle	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
AIS	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Leichhardt	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Penrith	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Marconi	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Canberra	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
Olympic	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Wollongong	3	0	0	3	2	8	0
Croatia	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

Newcastle	Leichhardt	1-0
Sydney City	Penrith	3-1
Bottalico 2	Easthorpe	
Borges		
AIS	Wollongong	1-1
Anderson (og)		
Blacktown	Melita Eagles	1-2
Jamieson (og)	Andricopoulos	
	Beecroft	
Croatia	Olympic	2-3
Samardzic	Gardikiotis	
	Pettalis	
	Matisias	
St George	Marconi	
Polias	Gunning	1-2
	Reid	

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 3

	U13	U14	U15	U16
GROUP A				
St George v Melita	4-3	3-2	1-0	1-0
Illawarra v Baulkham Hills	2-0	2-0	2-3	2-0
APIA v Croatia	4-0	1-0	1-2	4-0
Auburn v Ku-ring-gai	0-2	2-3	0-0	2-0
Stn Dists v Blacktown	2-1	5-1	3-2	0-2
Blacktown City v Canterbury	7-0	5-0	4-2	2-0
Macarthur v Yugal	3-1	3-1	4-0	4-1

	U13	U14	U15	U16
GROUP B				
Sydney Olympic v Blacktown	2-0	3-0	5-0	7-0
Marconi v Sydney City	5-0	2-0	5-1	4-0
Sutherland v Granville	0-1	2-0	3-1	0-2
Nepean v Avala	4-0	2-0	3-1	1-1
Manly v Gladesville	0-3	0-0	3-1	4-1
Cant-M'ville v Central Coast	2-1	3-2	2-0	1-3
Nth Bankstown v Rockdale	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0

KEMPSEY'S BRIGHT CUP RECORD

THE boys from up country gave a grand effort in last year's semi-finals of the Bill Turner Cup.

Few who saw the final four play-offs will forget the performances of the lads from Kempsey High, under coach Mr Bill Bennett.

In their semi-final against the powerful Cessnock they were overawed for a short time but fought back well to keep the Coalfielders to a two goal margin.

Against Birrong Boys High they again started slowly and conceded a couple of goals before swinging into top gear.

The final fifteen minutes of this game was an astounding turnabout.

Kempsey, with nothing to lose, threw caution to the

wind and played inspired football to be only pipped by the odd goal.

There are still a number of top Soccer identities in Newcastle who regard the two performances of Bruce Willis as the best in the four matches played.

The lad was almost perpetual motion. He was everywhere. He is a natural, and it is to be hoped that his talent will not be wasted.

Fortunately the Northern NSW director of coaching, Jim Foley, was on hand to see Bruce perform and has since kept an eye on his progress.

He's in Jim's squad list from which the team for the 1984 Under 16 championships will be chosen.

Bruce has a twin brother who was an effective goalkeeper for the Kempsey side.

COUNTRY APPOINTMENT

OUR Albury Wodonga correspondent Frank Finlay will be covering the entire Riverina district for ASW.

Frank has been appointed publicity officer for Riverina for the NSW Amateur Federation, and will be travelling to many events and meetings this season.

Apart from the Sydney Metropolitan area and Wollongong, the country is divided into three major branches in Southern NSW — Riverina, Southern NSW and Western NSW.

Michael Bray and Bruce Rooke are very helpful with news on the west, and we are hopeful that Southern NSW cover can be increased in the near future.



JOHN TSCHEPPEA, who was director of coaching with Canterbury Association last season, is back in his home state of Tasmania after having a look at Soccer in the United States and Mexico. This year he will be coaching and playing in Launceston as well as doing a teacher education course at the local college of advanced education. Here he is seen supervising a group of youngsters with head- ing practice.

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AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



8. KIM LEMBRYK

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

KIM LEMBRYK is tough, fast and unpredictable on the Soccer field. She's also the youngest member of the Australian team.

Better known to her team-mates as "Lemo", Kim operates from central midfield and is unquestionably one of the most exciting players going around.

In the Oceania Cup, she stunned New Zealand, New Caledonia and Fiji with her change of pace and direction.

She sent defenders the wrong way, constantly creating goalscoring situations.

She is a hard player to mark because of her size and speed.

Kim is what you'd call a "buzz-player", full of activity and deception — similar in style to former World Cup star Jimmy Rooney.

She also has a cracking right foot shot.

With added experience over the next few years, Kim has much to offer to the Australian team, and should be one of the first selected for the tour of China and Fiji in October and November.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: February 19, 1966.

BIRTHPLACE: Bankstown, NSW.

HEIGHT: 5'2.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Bankstown Sports, Arncliffe Scots, Dee Why, Reps Southern, Western, St George and Manly.

PLAYING POSITION: Attacking midfielder.

OCCUPATION: Table-hand in the shoe industry.

FAVOURITE WOMEN PLAYER: Julie Dolan from Queensland.

FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER: None really.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Maradona.

AMBITION: To captain Australia.

NUMBER OF AUSTRALIAN CAPS: Five.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: NSW v North NSW in the Australian titles in 1981. We won and I scored a hat-trick. It gave me a real buzz.

HOW CAN WOMEN'S SOCCER BE IMPROVED?: Our side of the game needs a lot more promotion. We also need many more professional people to get right behind us and help our cause for Australia, as well as with our clubs.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR CAREER: Trixie Tagg as a coach. She taught me so much what this game is all about. Our national coach, Jim Selby, has also been a great inspiration.

FAVOURITE HATES OF WOMEN'S SOCCER: Some of the bad names we get called. The fact that we play Soccer, many people regard us as not being real ladies. I get really angry with that.

OBSVIOUS REMEDY: The public in general should be educated as to really what we are all about before they too readily open their mouths and criticise.

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Bad Game

AT the, start of the 1984 NSL, here in Queensland we have had a reasonable coverage by the press of the signings, preparation and results of the two Queensland NSL participants Bris-

bane Lions and Brisbane City.

They have been engaged in local pre-season competitions, winning all their games.

As they were playing each other in the opening

game of the new NSL season we (wife and I and friends) thought we would go to Spencer Park and be entertained by a (quote by one of the coaches) "cracker of a game".

Nothing could be further from the truth. The standard of Soccer played was terrible. Lions, I must admit, did produce three moves in the game involving approximately eight or nine passes strung together on each move. They also deserved their win.

For the biggest part of the game the ball was in the air with City's defence being the main culprits. How on earth can any team expect



BRUCE STOWELL

to control a game when they continually kick the ball 30 feet in the air is beyond me.

The standard of ball control was poor. No quality in passing and what does deliberately booting the ball over a 14 foot fence and into a creek achieve?

Spencer Park, home of Brisbane City, hosted the biggest crowd in years but

I'll bet after this episode, hundreds of people will have second thoughts about going back to either team's home games.

Bruce Stowell, the Queensland coach, must be wondering where he is going to get a team for the NSW game.

J. BELL,
Strathpine, Qld.

'SPEEDY' ANNE NOW A REFEREE

ANNE SPEED looked to have a promising career ahead of her in car racing but lack of funds forced her out of the sport.

So she decided to carry on with Soccer which, after all, was her first sporting love. Born into a Soccer-loving family, Anne spend the first 10 years of her life growing up in the provincial town of S'her-togensboch in the Netherlands.

Although her father was an average Soccer player, he had the ability of being able to coach and develop young players.

His teams ranged from Under 10 to Under 18 and Anne had always begged her father to be allowed to train with those teams.

Playing Soccer at seven years of age was not the done thing in Holland for little girls. Anne had to be content with fielding the balls that went beyond the goal line.

Apart from developing her running and kicking style, Anne said that there were very few Soccer matches that she did not attend as a spectator.

Just before her 10th birthday the family decided to try their luck in Australia. Anne says that she can remember quite well that her birthday was celebrated on board ship.

In 1943, Anne attended the local Narra-been High School, but, due to family circumstances, she was forced to leave in Year 8 and start work.

side, Dee Why. Anne started to look around for a team in which she could also play.

Her daughter, Nada, was showing signs of wanting to play Soccer also, so the pair joined the Dee Why club's women's team in 1979.

Anne started off playing on the left wing and moved to centre forward when the coach discovered that she had a powerful kick.

Anne moved to left back alongside her daughter.

I asked Anne if there was any friction between them playing in the position with one being the "boss" at home.

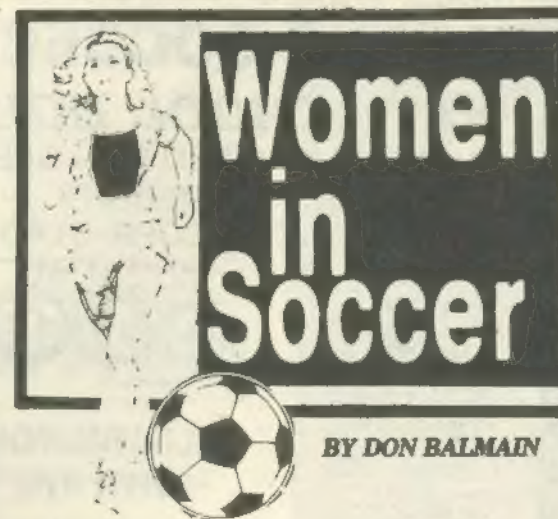
Anne said that they got on remarkably well playing together, with Nada often calling on her to cover a position.

They were the first mother/daughter combination in the club.

Anne said that after the first year in which the team did not perform well, she decided to become involved in administration.

"I wanted to know what the running of a club really meant," she said.

The following season, with most of the players still together and with husband



ANNE SPEED

Anne was forced to support her young daughter, Nada, after the break-up of her first marriage.

Later Anne caught the eye of a young Englishman while playing a game of Soccer.

So blossomed a friendship with Mike Speed.

Mike was already racing light cars and with a new sport looming on the horizon, Anne could not get involved in the sport quickly enough.

Anne cleaned Mike's car when it came off the track and made sure that it was fuelled. Eventually she begged him to let her race.

Anne got her wish and Mike entered her in a sprint meeting. At her first outing, Anne was placed third.

Anne and Mike married in 1973 and continued racing light cars, with Anne winning quite an impressive array of trophies. One of the races that did not go down too well with her husband was the time when they both competed in the same race and Anne beat him home.

Eventually, the sport became too expensive and they both turned their energy to Soccer.

With Mike playing for a local district

Mike coaching the team, Anne was part of a successful side which took out the Major and Minor Premierships in the Manly-Warringah women's competition.

In 1981, Anne became secretary of the Dee Why Soccer Club.

"The club was quite a large one in numbers," she said.

The following year Anne was accepted as secretary of the NSW Women's Soccer Federation but, owing to ill health she had to vacate this position after only four months.

Anne held the position of club secretary of Dee Why Club until last year when, despite great pleading, she decided that enough was enough.

Anne continued to play Soccer for the same club until last year when she decided to have a rest.

But she's back as a player — and coach. Anne also passed her referee's examination last year.

She was the only woman candidate in a class of 24 and she received a 78 per cent pass.

Asked what the 1984 season held for her, Anne said a lot of refereeing and more social Soccer rather than competitive football.

Reaction to "Sheilas"

WOULD you please print my reply to "Male Chauvenist" of Dapto.

How did you come into the world? Through a monkey?

I suggest if you ever are let out of your cage, you make a trip to Jones Park Parramatta on any Sunday, where you will see teams of the Holroyd Ladies Soccer Association play.

This Association only started three years ago, and has already over 1,000 players.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY can already see the rapid growth in Ladies Soccer, and that's why they have given so much coverage to the Ladies.

P.G. WITCOMBE,
Girraween, NSW.

I HAVE been on the administrative side of Soccer now for 25 years, with juniors through to the seniors, and when requested lent my expertise to the women's desire to play in 1976, and from then on became converted to their cause.

The game I love is skilful and exciting, and who are you or I to deny our women the right of "challenge"? I remind Male Chauvenist, "the man who questions opinion is wise, but the man who quarrels with facts is a fool."

The facts are:

1. There are around 10,000 registered young ladies playing competitive Soccer in Australia today, and many more throughout the country play socially.

2. Remember, women after all, are the mothers of the Soccer players of future and from their personal participation, their influence on their children in the years to come can, and will, make Soccer the greatest family sport in the world.

I have had to privilege of travelling overseas with the AWSA national team, and witnessed first hand how these young ladies have represented their country with honour, and competing at a very high level of competition, at great expense to themselves.

IRENE SNEYD,
San Remo, NSW.

I REPLY to "Male Chauvenist" (6/3/84): may I say what a

narrow-minded little person you are.

I expect that you do not approve of any other forms of Soccer available in this country either. The six-a-side, Indoor competition, school Soccer, children playing and other forms of Soccer which nearly always enhance the game.

Ladies' soccer, sir, is not as brutal as the female game of netball. It is an accepted school sport and by sheer force of numbers of players warrants at least the amount of publicity given in this excellent magazine.

ASW SUPPORTER,
Guildford, NSW.

IF "Male Chauvenist" got his way, tennis would be for blokes, not Martina Navratilova; swimming would be for blokes not Lisa Curry; running world be for blokes only, not Dianne Holden; I could go on and on.

Does he suggest that the place for women these days is meekly sitting alongside their "mere males" at football matches, offering no comment, yet hearing plenty? Soccer is for women, too.

Ask any of the thousands of supporters who go to the English WSA Championships, the equivalent of Wembley, or the busloads of fans who travel to watch football played by "sheila teams" in Europe.

Women's Soccer in Australia is still only 10 years old. They play fast, attractive football. Who is interested, you ask? Well only at present, about 20,000 players and their supporters. You seem so Australian, get off their backs and give 'em a go, mate.

PRO-FEMINIST,
Queenscliffe, NSW.

Dreadful

ON TV I watched Forest v Arsenal. It was dreadful, even with 11 internationals playing in the game.

The standard was not as high as St George against Sydney Olympic.

Also on TV, by contrast, the German match between Hamburg and Borussia Moenchengladbach was brilliant.

I believe British football has skidded right downhill.

D. LORANT,
Sydney, NSW.

PRESIDENT GETS ALL THE BLAME

DURING his first two years as president of the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF), Giulite Coutinho was an unqualified success. Now everybody is tipping the bucket on him.

Brazilians are annoyed about:

1. Being beaten in the 1982 World Cup.
2. Government refusal to host the 1986 World Cup in Brazil.
3. Failure to streamline the national championship.
4. Poor results from the national team

under a coach allegedly lacking charisma and ability.

5. Refusal by FIFA to sanction the 1984 Mundialito to celebrate the 7th anniversary of the CBF.
6. Loss of the Jules Rimet Cup, taken

from the CBF showcase in the Joao Havelange Building.

There is no logic in blaming the president for this whole string of misfortunes but the Brazilians believe there is.

How could Coutinho get the blame for somebody stealing the Jules Rimet trophy?



Italy's two greatest midfielders — and they're both foreigners! Irishman Liam Brady (Sampdoria) takes the ball from Frenchman Michel Platini (Juventus). Both scored from penalty kicks in the 1-1 draw in Genoa.

JAN EINER PLANNING COMEBACK

JAN EINAR AAS, who left Norway to try his luck in England with Nottingham Forest, is making a comeback to football.

Last year, Aas had to retire from the game with a bad injury.

He has been getting expert treatment in a Swiss clinic from a Brazilian physiotherapist and, after nine months out, believes he is now fit enough to resume his career as a part-time professional.

Aas has rejoined his old club, Moss in Norway.

Association is organising a Tokyo Cup for international teams to be held this year in May.

Teams invited include Japan, Ireland, China, France (Toulouse), Brazil (Porto Alegre) and a Japanese College XL.

DID you know there is a trophy in Brazil for all players who complete 10 years service without being sent off?

It has been in existence for 40 years. It is called the Belfort Duarte Award and has been won by great stars like Vava, Didi, Zagalo, and Gilmar.

THE Japanese Football

MARCIO ARAUJO, striker from Sao Paulo, is one of a rare breed of Brazilians. He never kicks an opponent and, if he gives away a free kick for a foul, he always apologises.

He gives his Christian upbringing the credit!



RICKY DAVIS (right)

COSMOS LOSE RICKY DAVIS

RICKY DAVIS of New York Cosmos, has signed up for St Louis Steamers in the Major Indoor Soccer League. He became a free agent last October when his Cosmos contract ended.

Davis has an eye on the World Cup elimination matches and is certain to be

in the USA squad. With St Louis, he knows he will have no trouble getting time off for representative games.

It's interesting to note that Davis advocates a complete overhaul (yet again) of the North American Soccer League because "it has over-extended itself."

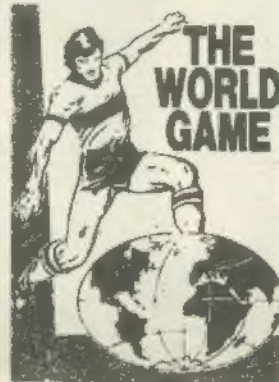
The player suggests a merger between indoor and outdoor Soccer in North America would be a big step forward.

BATTLE OF TOP TWO

WINNERS of the European Championship in June will get a challenge from the champion nation in South America, Uruguay.

It should be a real money-spinner.

The Uruguayans plan to play the challenge match in the USA.



FALCAO'S FUTURE

AS ROMA claim there is no chance of Brazil's Falcao being lured away from them.

This has not prevented Barcelona talking transfer talk with the Italian club.

Barcelona are probably the richest club in the world. They'd pay anything to get Maradona and Falcao in their line-up as teammates.



OVERSEAS RESULTS

WEST GERMANY

Eintracht v Brunswick	1-2
Dortmund v Duesseldorf	6-0
Cologne v M'gladbach	1-2
Nuremberg v Mannheim	0-0
Hamburg v Bremen	4-0
Bay Munich v Bochum	5-1
Stuttgart v Leverkusen	2-2
Uerdingen v Bielefeld	1-3
K'lauren v Offenbach	1-1

W D L F A Pts

Bay Munich	15	5	4	59	22	35
Hamburg	16	4	5	58	26	34
M'gladbach	14	5	5	54	34	33
Stuttgart	12	7	4	44	24	31
Bremen	12	5	7	50	30	29

POLAND

LKS Lodz v R Chorzow	1-0
Gor Zab v GKS Katowice	1-2
Za S'wiec v Wid Lodz	2-0
Mo Lublin v Sz Bytom	0-0
Lech Poznan v Sl Wroclaw	6-0
Cr Krakow v W Krakow	0-0
Go W'rych v P S'zcin	1-1
Gdynia v Legia	0-0

Vo Linz v Fav Ac	2-2
K'furt v Rapid	0-1
E'stadt v Gak	1-2
Wiener SC v Neusiedl	6-0
Ad Wacker v Wels (walkover)	3-0

W D L F A Pts

Aus Vienna	13	3	2	50	13	29
Rapid	11	5	2	27	15	37
Sl Graz	11	2	3	33	22	27
Lask	11	4	3	34	16	26
Innsbruck	7	7	4	34	22	21

YUGOSLAVIA

B Titograd v V'dina NS	1-1
Hajduk v Osijek	3-0
Partizan v Di Zagreb	1-0
Di V'kovci v Rijeka	1-0
Pristina v Ol L'jana	2-1
Z S'jevo v Sarajevo	5-2
Sl Tuzla v Cel Zen	1-0
Rad Nis v Va Skopje	0-1
Velez v Red Star	1-0

ITALY

A'fino v Lazio	3-0
Catania v F'fina	0-2
Genoa v S'doria	0-0
AC Milan v Inter	0-0
Pisa v Napoli	1-1
Roma v Udinese	4-1
Torino v Ascoli	0-0
Verona v Juventus	2-1

SPAIN

Zaragoza v Cadiz	1-2
Salamanca v Sociedad	1-1
Barcelona v Valencia	0-0
At Madrid v Malaga	3-1
Sevilla v Betis	2-1
Osasuna v Re Madrid	1-1
Malorca v V'dolid	1-1
Bilbao v Sporting	1-0
Murcia v Espanol	2-0

PORTUGAL

Sporting v Porto	0-1
G'maraes v Pmonense	0-2
Farense v Benfica	2-7
Espinho v Setubal	0-1
Varzim v Agueda	2-1
S'gueiros v Rio Ave	1-1
Boavista v Estoril	1-0
Penafiel v Braga	2-0

HOLLAND

PSV v Hel Sport	5-0
AZ'87 v Fo Sittard	2-0
Groningen v Den Bosch	1-1
DS'79 v Utrecht	0-1
Sp R'dam v Willem II	3-1
Ex R'dam v PEC Zwolle	4-1
Roda JC v Volendam	3-0
Ajax v Haarlem	0-3
GA Eagles v Feyenoord	1-1

W D L F A Pts

Benfica	19	2	1	60	15	40
Porto	18	3	1	37	3	39
Sporting	14	3	5	40	17	31
Setubal	9	6	7	29	20	24
Braga	9	6	7	23	24	24

HUNGARY

Pesci MSC v Vasas	1-0
Videoton v Raba Eto	1-2
N'gyhaza v F'varos	0-4
Honved v Haladas VSE	2-0
Csepel v Szeged	1-1
Uj Dozsa v MTK VM	1-1
D'gyor VTK v Z'gerszeg	1-2
Tbanya v Volan	4-1

AUSTRIA

Sl Graz v Salzburg	4-2
Aus Vienna v St Veit	2-1
T'bruck v Lask	3-1

BULGARIA

Slavia v Trakia	6-3
Silven v ZHSK Spartak	1-0
C'morets v Botev	0-0
Shoumen v Belasitsa	2-0
Berov v Etur	3-2
Haskovo v Lo Sofia	2-0
Lo Plovdiv v CSKA	4-2
Ch More v L Spartak	0-0

ENGLAND BUSY ON ROAD TO MEXICO

ENGLAND intends to have a thorough preparation in the build-up to the World Cup in Mexico.

During the next two years, manager Bobby Robson hopes to arrange 20 full international matches for his team.

This includes elimination games in the World Cup.

How many players from England's 1982 team in Spain will survive the marathon course and still be

there if, and when, England gets to Mexico?

Right now, there are only four who look a safe bet. They are Peter Shilton, Terry Butcher, Ken Sansom and Bryan Robson.

There is no doubt Bobby Robson would like to find almost a completely new team after suffering 0-2 defeat from France in Paris — even though he refuses to indulge in wholesale changes.

BRYAN'S HOT WHEELS

ENGLAND and Manchester United captain Bryan Robson has a burning ambition ... to drive a Formula One racing car around a track like Silverstone.

Robson almost achieved his ambition two years ago when world champion Keke Rosberg said he'd play for Manchester United if Robson drove his car.

That particular stunt didn't take place but Robson admits he still hasn't lost his enthusiasm for fast racing cars.

SCOTS ONE DOWN

WHEN Scotland play England at Hampden Park on May 26, the game will be watched by the smallest crowd ever to see the old rivals meet.

With building work going on, there is a police limit of 74,000 in a stadium which has accommodated double that number.

If Scotland win, it will be their 40th victory — and that would bring them level with England.

There have been 22 draws in Scotland-England matches.



SOUTHAMPTON are in line for a most unusual Cup double.

They're favourites to win the big one, the F.A. Cup at Wembley. And the town's ladies side have reached the semi-final of the Women's F.A. Cup — a trophy they have already won eight times.



WILLIE JOHNSTON

REMEMBER WORLD CUP WILLIE?

WILLIE JOHNSTON, former Scottish World Cup winger, is still playing brilliantly with Hearts in the Scottish Premier League.

Willie is 36. He said he was retiring a year ago but decided to have one more season.

Now his fans hope he'll have yet another in 1984-85.

Willie Johnston made headlines all round the world at the 1978 World Cup in Argentina when he was found guilty of drug-taking and sent home in disgrace. He claimed he

took only harmless pills but that didn't prevent the Scottish F.A. banning him from international football for life.

Johnston has another record which he'd dearly like to forget about. He has been sent off 20 times!

Despite his age, Willie is still one of the fastest men in Scottish football and looks good enough for another season.

HOME TOWN BOY

WHEN a 15-year-old kid has all the great English clubs chasing him, isn't it strange that he decided to sign for unfashionable Middlesbrough?

That is what happened to young Nicky Jimson.

After scoring 55 goals in only 17 games last season, Nicky was given trials with 10 clubs, including Manchester United, Manchester City, Ipswich, Newcastle United and Nottingham Forest.

The boy rejected them all to team up with his home town club, Middlesbrough.

Boro boss Malcolm Allison said: "He is a tremendous prospect."

JOHN GREGORY, QPR's England international midfielder (he toured Australia last year), says: "Nobody will stop Liverpool winning the First Division title this

year. Liverpool played to only 80 per cent of their capabilities against QPR but still beat us well."

Manchester United fans, of course, have other ideas!

LIVERPOOL CHASING CHARLIE NICHOLAS

SOME Arsenal supporters now believe the only solution to the Charlie Nicholas problem is for the Scottish international to leave Highbury.

Nicholas was expected to revitalise Arsenal this season following his expensive and highly-publicised transfer from Celtic.

Instead, he has been a major disappointment. He has scored 10 goals, but four of them were from penalty kicks.

It is clear he is not fitting into Arsenal's style of play. But with high-flying Liverpool, it might be a different story.

Liverpool approached Arsenal in the hope of securing Nicholas' transfer but were told: "He is not for sale."

That is not the end of the



matter. Liverpool are still hopeful of doing business and it appears Nicholas would be delighted to get a move to Merseyside.

If Arsenal do sell, they would have much-needed cash to spend on buying Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan or Sampdoria's Liam Brady ... or both.

UK tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	32	18	10	4	63	31	64
Liverpool	32	18	9	5	51	24	63
Notts Forest	32	17	5	10	55	35	56
Southampton	30	16	7	7	39	25	55
West Ham	32	16	6	10	51	36	54
QPR	32	15	5	12	47	29	50
Luton	31	13	6	12	44	44	45
Aston Villa	32	12	9	11	47	49	45
Walsford	31	13	5	13	58	58	44
Tottenham	32	12	8	12	48	49	44
Norwich	32	11	10	11	35	35	43
Arsenal	32	12	6	14	50	47	42
Coventry	32	10	10	12	43	45	40
Everton	30	10	10	10	27	33	40
Birmingham	31	11	6	14	32	36	39
Leicester	31	10	8	13	52	53	38
Sunderland	31	9	11	11	31	41	39
West Bromwich	31	10	6	15	34	49	36
Stoke	32	9	8	15	30	51	35
Ipswich	32	9	5	18	38	50	32
Notts County	31	7	7	17	40	60	28
Wolverhampton	31	5	9	17	24	59	24

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	33	18	11	4	65	34	65
Sheffield Wed	31	19	8	4	59	28	65
Carlisle	32	16	11	5	39	19	59
Newcastle	31	18	5	8	62	43	59
Manchester City	32	16	8	8	49	37	56
Grimsby	32	15	11	6	49	37	55
Blackburn	31	13	12	6	41	35	51
Charlton	31	13	8	10	41	44	47
Leeds	31	13	7	11	42	40	46
Brighton	32	12	8	12	51	44	44
Portsmouth	32	12	5	15	55	46	41
Huddersfield	31	10	11	10	38	38	41
Cardiff	31	13	2	16	40	46	41
Shrewsbury	32	10	9	13	32	43	39
Fulham	32	9	11	12	46	42	38
Oldham	32	10	7	15	36	55	37
Barnsley	32	10	6	16	43	45	36
Middlesbrough	31	9	9	13	32	35	36
Crystal Palace	31	8	9	14	31	39	33
Derby	31	7	7	17	27	56	28
Swansea	33	5	7	21	29	64	22
Cambridge	32	2	8	22	22	61	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	34	21	6	7	68	42	69
Wimbledon	35	18	8	9	78	62	62
Walsall	35	18	8	9	57	47	62
Sheffield United	35	17	10	8	68	44	61
Bristol Rovers	35	17	9	9	53	39	60
Hull	32	15	12	5	49	28	57
Bolton	34	15	9	10	45	36	54
Burnley	33	14	11	8	84	37	53
Orient	35	15	9	12	52	55	53
Gillingham	32	15	7	10	55	50	52
Lincoln	36	14	7	15	48	50	49
Bradford	32	13	9	10	57	48	48
Millwall	35	12	12	11	51	53	48
Newport	33	12	12	9	47	56	48
Preston	34	11	9	14	52	48	42

Wigan	32	11	9	12	34	41	42
Plymouth	31	10	8	13	40	39	38
Bournemouth	33	9	5	19	41	59	32
Brentford	34	6	12	16	48	64	30
Scunthorpe	32	5	14	13	37	58	29
Southend	32	6	10	16	37	55	28
Northerham	31	7	6	18	31	47	27
Port Vale	33	7	6	20	34	63	27
Exeter	34	5	9	20	40	65	24

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	34	22	6	6	72	33	72
Doncaster	35	18	12	5	62	45	66
Reading	36	17	11	8	68	46	62
Bristol City	36	18	7	11	54	36	61
Aldershot	35	17	7	11	58	54	58
Colchester	33	14	12	7	53	31	54
Blackpool	32	16	5	11	46	31	53
Tranmere	35	13	13	9	45	37	52
Peterborough	35	13	11	11	51	36	50
Stockport	35	14	8	13	50	49	50
Crewe	33	14	7	12	46	51	49
Torquay	35	12	11	12	44	51	47
Swindon	34	11	12	11	46	40	45
Bury	35	11	12	12	48	45	45
Northampton	35	11	11	13	39	44	44
Chesterfield	35	10	13	12	38	45	43
Hereford	35	10	12	13	36	40	42
Darlington	33	11	5	17	30	38	38
Wrexham	34	8	12	14	40	51	36
Rochdale	35	8	12	15	44	59	36
Hullfax	35	8	11	16	37	62	35
Mansfield	34	7	10	17	43	61	31
Hartlepool	34	8	6	20	34	68	30
Chester	35	5	10	20	34	65	25

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	24	19	3	2	61	12	41
Celtic	25	15	5	5	58	29	35
Dundee United	23	14	5	4	46	22	33
Rangers	26	12	6	8	42	32	30
Hearts	26	8	9	9	30	40	25
St Mirren	26	6	12	11	36	38	24
Hibernian	27	9	4	14	33	42	22
Dundee	24	7	2	15	31	50	16
St Johnstone	27	7	1	19	25	67	15
Motherwell	26	3	7	16	21	51	13

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dumfries	31	16	9	6	53	35	41
Partick	31	18	4	9	59	40	40
Morton	30	14	10	6	59	40	38
Clydebank	31	15	8	8	51	38	38
Brechin	31	13	11	7	45	37	37
Kilmarnock	31	13	5	13	45	42	31
Clyde	31	10	10	11	42	37	30
Falkirk	31	12	6	13	38	46	30
Ayr	31	9	10	12	48	54	28
Aberdeen	31	10	7	14	33	43	27
Hamilton	30	8	12	12	30	37	24
Raith	31	6	10	15	36	53	22
Alloa	31	6	8	17	34	53	20